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Sometimes Even Reality Is Like!

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Sometimes Even Reality Is a Lie!

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SHE LOOKS LIKE IT

LEVEL 27

I JUST THOUGHT THIS WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU

I PROBABLY CAN'T HANG OUT AT YOUR PLACE FOR A WHILE.

UM... SORRY, NANAMI, BUT...

OH, UH...

I-IS IT MY FAULT?

HUH? WHY...? WH-WH-

WOBBLE WOBBLE WOBBLE

NO, THAT'S NOT IT AT ALL.

I MEAN, YEAH, BUT YOU CAN JUST CROSS-DRESS.

LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING.

Y'KNOW... YOUR OVER-PROTECTIVE DAD STILL THINKS THAT I'M A GIRL, RIGHT?

WELL, YOU SEE...

TOO CLOSE!

TICK

...

TICK

TICK

TICK

OH.

THAT'S TRUE.

I DON'T HAVE ANY SUMMER CLOTHES FOR GIRLS, SO...

IT'S TOO HOT OUT TO WEAR WHAT I DO HAVE.

OH, THAT'S YOUR ANSWER?

RIGHT NOW!

DING

LET'S GO BUY YOU SOME CLOTHES!

IT ALL MAKES SENSE NOW.

WELCOME!

SLIDE

Rico & Ma

HUH? I DON'T RECALL EVER SAYING THAT I ENJOYED IT.

I WAS KINDA WORRIED THAT YOU'D GOTTEN SICK OF DRESSING UP OR SOME-THING.

WELL, IT'S ALSO 'CAUSE WE'VE BEEN MEETING UP OUTSIDE A LOT LATELY.

I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT SUMMER CLOTHES AT ALL.

I WAS WONDERING WHY YOU HADN'T CROSS-DRESSED RECENTLY.

I SEE.

OH.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF CLOTHES I WOULD LOOK GOOD IN, SO YEAH...

NAH, MOMM–I MEAN, MY MOM BUYS MOST OF THEM FOR ME.

YOU DON'T BUY YOUR OWN CLOTHES, NANAMI?

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO PICK...

I GOTTA SAY, I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WERE SO MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF CLOTHES.

DO YOU WANT TO WEAR AN OUTFIT LIKE THAT?

THEY LOOK KINDA CUTE, I GUESS?

HUH?

HM?

HEY, NANA-MI.

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THESE?

OH, UH...
NAH, THAT'S NOT IT.
I JUST THOUGHT THIS WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU, SO...
HUH?
MASHI-RO...
I FEEL SO HAPPY RIGHT NOW...
GET BACK TO WORK, NAO-CHAN.
WE'RE LOOK-ING FOR! YOUR CLOTHES RIGHT ////NOW!
SORRY!

«NEXT

LEVEL 28 CWTCH

I ENDED UP BUYING THAT OUTFIT...

I...

I THINK THIS WOULD LOOK GOOD ON YOU.

IT'S ALL KAORU'S FAULT...

UGH, I DIDN'T PLAN ON BUYING ANYTHING FOR MYSELF AT ALL...

CWTCH

GLANCE チラッ

MIRROR

DOES THIS LOOK GOOD ON ME?

HMM... I CAN'T TELL...

UH...

HM?

IT LOOKS GOOD ON YOU!

HUH?

TAKE ANOTHER LOOK.

THE COLORS ARE NICE AND BRIGHT.

OH...

MO-

MOM-MY?!

UH...

WELL, YOU SEE...

KAORI PICKED THIS FOR ME, SO...

OH. IS THAT SO?

JOLT

NANA-MI?

WHEN DID YOU GET NEW CLOTHES?

...

SHE DEFINITELY PICKED OUT THE PER-FECT OUTFIT FOR YOU, NANAMI.

I'M PRETTY SURE KAORI-CHAN THINKS OF YOU THE SAME WAY.

GIGGLE

くすっ

THE WORD EMBROIDERED ON THE FRONT OF YOUR SHIRT IS LOVELY AS WELL.

HUH?

パターン

K-CHK

CWTCH

HUH?

UH...

OKAY...

TAKE GOOD CARE OF IT, OKAY?

I GUESS I'LL LOOK IT UP.

C, W, T, C, H.

ON THE FRONT? OH, THIS?

WHY DID SHE GIGGLE WHEN SHE SAW THIS?

The World's Loveliest Words

■CWTCH (Welsh)

Meaning:

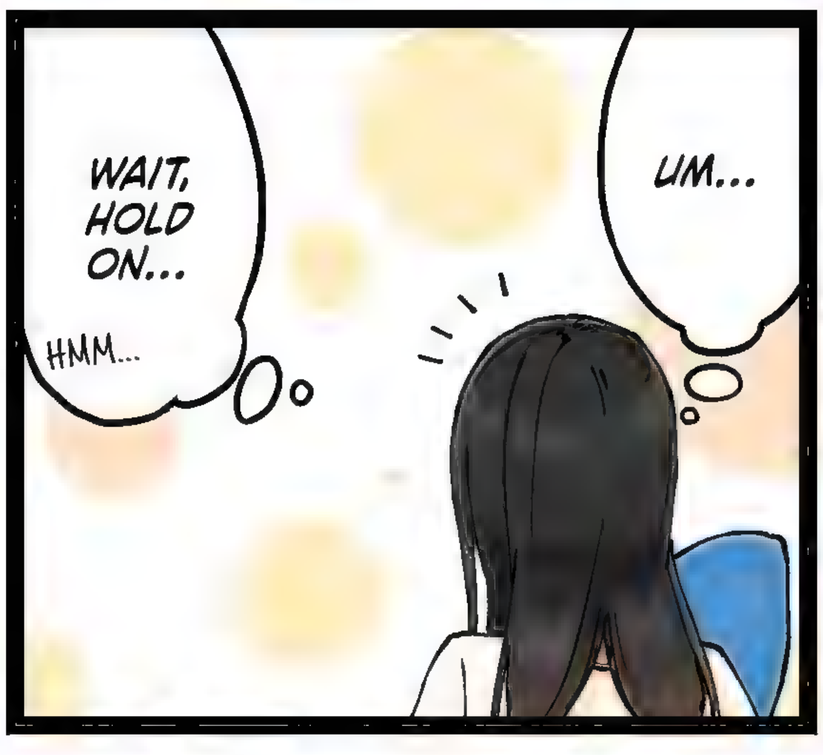
A loving cuddle.

LOVING CUDDLE

?!

SQUEE-
WH-WHY DID KAORU SPECIFICALLY CHOOSE THIS SHIRT?!
I THREW MY PHONE ON IMPULSE!
BLA~H
EEEZE
H-HUH?!
WH-WH-WHAT?!

POMF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HMM...
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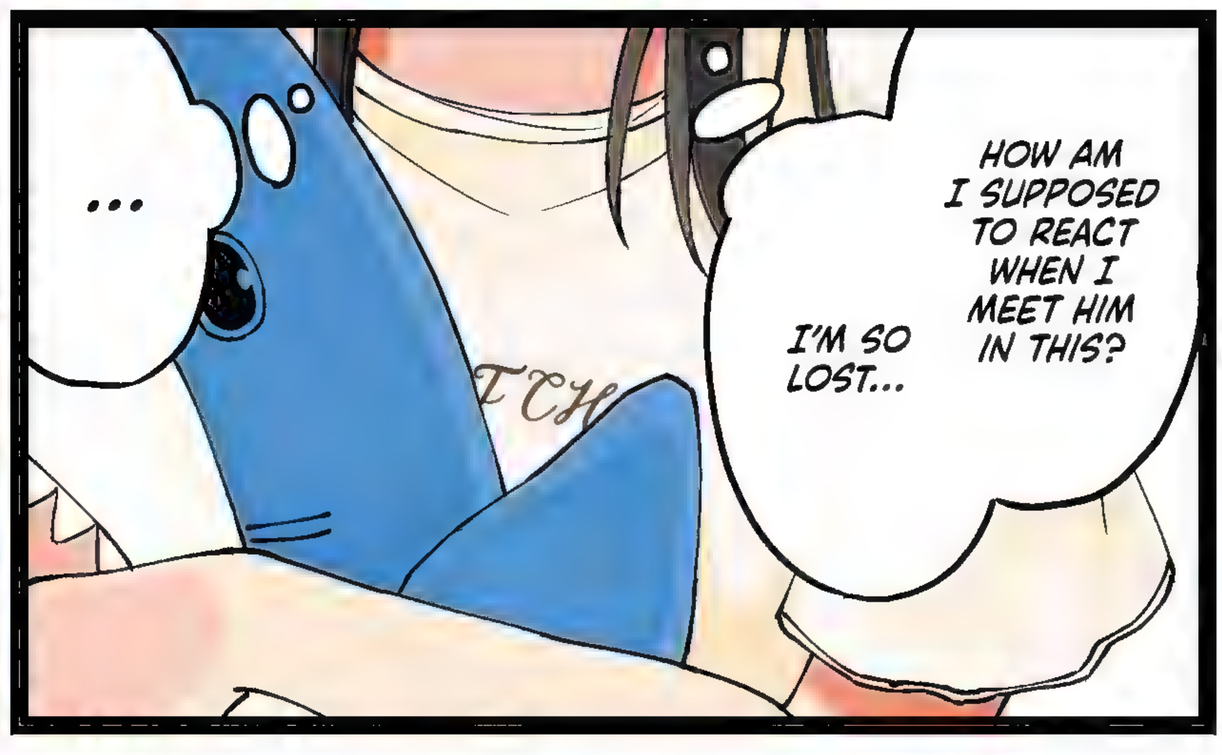
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I'M SO LOST...
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO REACT WHEN I MEET HIM IN THIS?

I SHOULD JUST HURRY UP AND CHANG–

WHEW, I GOT WORRIED FOR NOTHING.

CWTCH

KAORU'S NOT THE TYPE OF GUY THAT WOULD KNOW OR LOOK UP THE MEANING OF THIS WORD...

IT'S WELSH, AFTER ALL...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

?

The World's Loveliest Words

■CWTCH (Welsh)

Meaning:
A loving cuddle.

It can also mean the sense of safety one gets from a cuddle, like having a safe haven in the world.

THE SECOND HALF IS KIND OF ACCU-RATE...

MAYBE...

WELL...

...

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LEVEL 28.5 UNTIL NEXT SEASON

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LEVEL 29 CAN I FLIP IT UP?

YOUR SUMMER CROSS-DRESSING IS GREAT TOO!

YEP, THIS IS PERFECT!

...

UM...

IT'S SO FUN PICKING OUT CLOTHES FOR YOU!

YOU HAVE A LOT OF POTENTIAL, KAORU-KUN!

HUH? DO YOU NOT LIKE HOW THEY LOOK ON YOU?!

ABOUT THESE CLOTHES...

UH...

NO, I THINK THEY LOOK GOOD, BUT...

WELL...

I FEEL A BIT UNEASY IN THIS...

IS IT NORMAL TO JUST WEAR SUCH BAGGY CLOTHING WITH ONLY, UH, LEG-GINGS?

もじ FIDGET もじ...

I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT GIRLS WEAR, BUT...

THEN WHY DID YOU SUGGEST THESE TO ME?!

I FEEL WEIRD IN BAGGY CLOTHES TOO!

TOTALLY!

I KNOW EXACTLY HOW YOU FEEL!

SERIOUS-LY?! A CHILDISH REASON LIKE THAT?!

SIMPLE!

I THOUGHT YOU'D LOOK CUTE IN THEM!

OH.

NANAMI...

KAORU?

ARE YOU DONE CHANG-ING?

ひょいっ APPEAR

CWTCH

?

じぃ STARE

じぃ STARE

HMM...

NO WAY.

DIDJA THINK I'D SAY YES?

...CAN I FLIP IT UP?

TWITCH

うず…

HUH?!

OH, SOME PEOPLE LIKE TO WEAR SHORTS OVER LEGGINGS AS WELL.

UH, UNDER-NEATH? WELL...

THERE'S NOTHING TO SEE...

I WAS WONDER-ING WHAT YOU'RE WEARING UNDER-NEATH.

WELL, I DON'T HAVE ANY CLOTHES LIKE THESE, SO...

I'M ONLY WEARING LEGGINGS UNDERNEATH, THOUGH...

UM... I...

YOU DID?!

YEP!

STARTED TO WORRY.

OH, DON'T WORRY. I IN-CLUDED SHORTS IN THE OUTFIT I HAVE PLANNED.

«NEXT

FINAL RESULT:

KAORU DECIDED TO WEAR SOME SHORTS AS WELL.

MUCH BETTER!

YUP!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?!

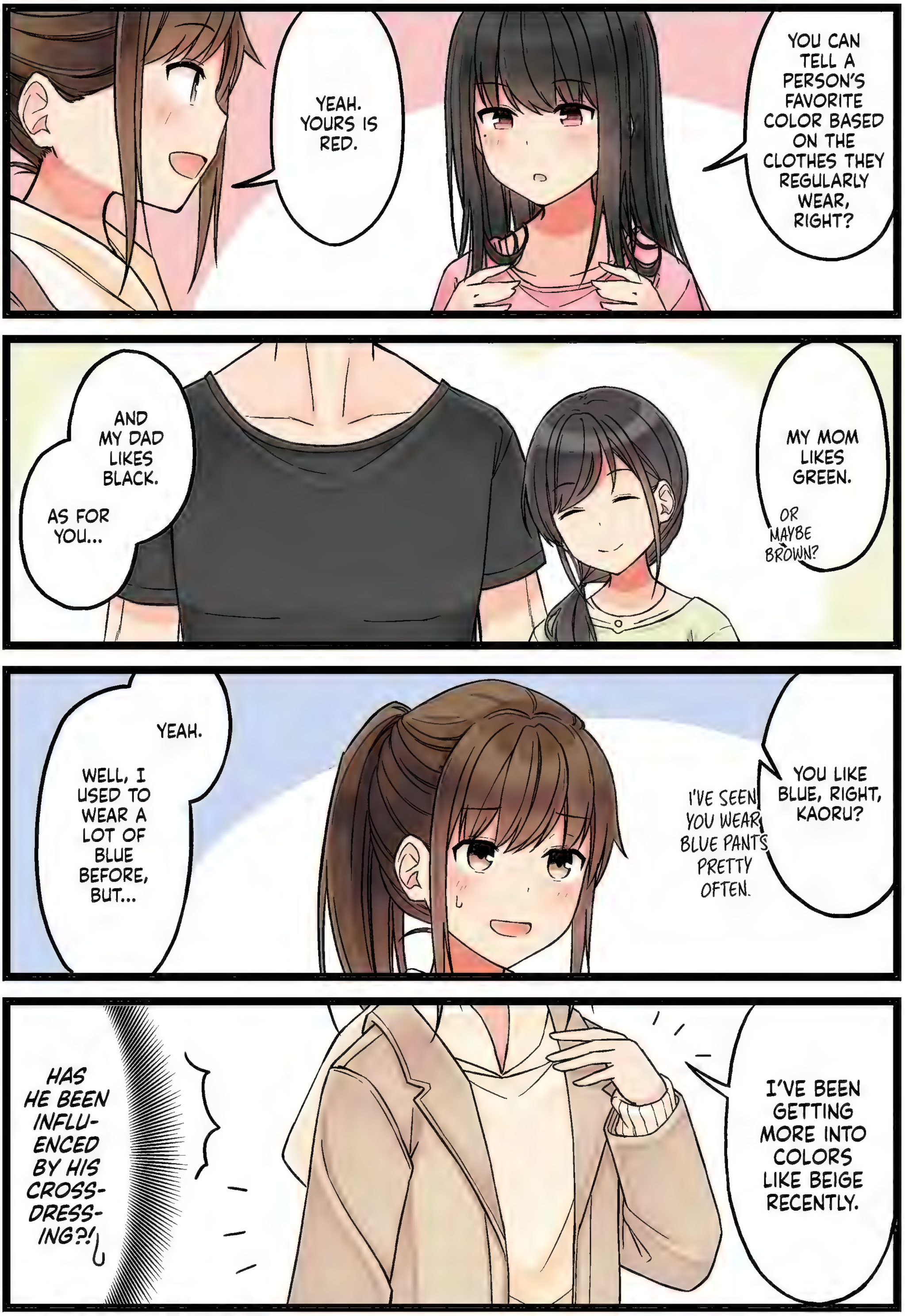
HMM...

YEAH, IT DOES.

HM, I DON'T KNOW...

KINDA HAS THE ***OPPO-SITE*** EFFECT...

LEVEL 29.5 INFLUENCE


YEAH. YOURS IS RED.
YOU CAN TELL A PERSON'S FAVORITE COLOR BASED ON THE CLOTHES THEY REGULARLY WEAR, RIGHT?
AND MY DAD LIKES BLACK.
AS FOR YOU...
MY MOM LIKES GREEN.
OR MAYBE BROWN?
YEAH.
WELL, I USED TO WEAR A LOT OF BLUE BEFORE, BUT...
I'VE SEEN YOU WEAR BLUE PANTS PRETTY OFTEN.
YOU LIKE BLUE, RIGHT, KAORU?
HAS HE BEEN INFLU-ENCED BY HIS CROSS-DRESS-ING?!
I'VE BEEN GETTING MORE INTO COLORS LIKE BEIGE RECENTLY.

«NEXT

LEVEL 30 EEP...?

ピーンポーン
DING DONG!

ガチャ
KA-CHAK

OH, HELLO, KAORI-CHAN.

UM...

H-HELLO.

UH, I CAME OVER TO PLAY SOME GAMES WITH NANAMI, AND...

MM, SHE SAID YOU'D BE COMING OVER. MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME!

YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME. I WAS ABOUT TO TELL NANAMI TO COME DOWN FOR LUNCH.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN US?

HUH?

OH, IS THAT REALLY OKAY?

OF COURSE!

OH.

I'M SORRY, BUT CAN YOU GO TELL NANAMI TO COME DOWN FOR ME?

SHE SHOULD BE IN HER ROOM.

SURE!

BEEP

BEEP

LUNCH SHOULD BE ALMOST READ-

OH.

KNOCK

KNOCK

HM?

NO REPLY?

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KA-CHAK

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SILENCE

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くつろぎ RELAXED…

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FLAP

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FLAP

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BLAH

NGH...

I'LL COME DOWN AFTER I'VE CLEARED THIS WAVE...

MOMMY?

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SHUFFLE

FLINCH

NA...

NANA-MI?

...

?

...

EEP...?

?

KNOCK BEFORE YOU COME IN-

CRAP! I DIDN'T PAAAUSE!

WELL, YOUR MOM SENT ME HERE...

SHE TOLD ME TO TELL YOU TO COME DOWN.

WHY ARE YOU IN MY ROOM?!

AAAAGGGHH!

«NEXT

LEVEL 31 ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME?

Waiting for players...

...

YIKES...

NANA-MI...

YOU'RE GETTING FLAMED REALLY HARD IN THE CHAT LOBBY!

I BETTER PREPARE MYSELF...

SHE'S PROBABLY GONNA GET MAD BE-CAUSE OF THIS.

GLANCE

SHE'S NOT BOTHERED AT ALL?!

I'M GONNA LEAVE.

OH YEAH, PEOPLE LIKE THIS SHOW UP FROM TIME TO TIME.

WHAT KIND OF PERSON DO YOU THINK I AM?

HUH?! WHAT'S WRONG WITH THIS ANNOYING DUDE? DON'T BLAME ME FOR YOUR MISTAKES, IDIOT!

I'D PICTURED SOMETHING MORE LIKE THIS..

キャーREEEE

キャーREEEE

OH, I JUST DIDN'T THINK YOU WOULD REACT SO CALMLY.

HM?

WHAT?

HOWEVER, I'M ONLY WILLING TO GET INTO FIGHTS WITH PEOPLE I KNOW WELL.

I'M NOT BRAVE ENOUGH TO ARGUE WITH RAN-DOS.

WELL, OKAY, MESSAGES LIKE THOSE DO BOTHER ME A BIT.

MM.

I GUESS...

THE SMART MOVE WOULD BE TO RUN AWAY.

IF A STRANGER TRIED TO PUNCH YOU OUT OF NO-WHERE ON THE STREET, YOU WOULDN'T FIGHT BACK WITHOUT A GOOD REASON, RIGHT?

WHAT? DO YOU HAVE MORE TO SAY?

OH, NAH.

THAT'S NOT IT.

OH.

OKAY...

ALL RIGHT, LET'S FORGET ALL THAT.

C'MON, NEXT LOBBY, KAORU. LET'S GO!

IT'S JUST THAT I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO HAVE THIS MATURE SIDE OF YOU, NANAMI.

ARE YOU PICKING A FIGHT WITH ME?

I'M DOWN IF YOU ARE.

«NEXT

GLASSES...

I WANNA BUY SOME GLASSES...

HUH?

...

LEVEL 32 I GUESS I'LL GO WITH THESE

HUH?

OF COURSE NOT!

ARE YOUR EYES GOING BAD?

MM.

NOT THAT THEY'D HELP MUCH.

OH.

SO YOU WANT SOME GLASSES FOR GAMING?

I'VE BEEN GETTING HEADACHES RECENTLY DUE TO EYE STRAIN.

HUH? WHY ME?

PICK FOR ME.

YOU'RE UP, KAORU.

DUCK

FEEL FREE TO PICK A PAIR YOU LIKE, AND-

JOLT

CLEW

COME!

HELLO!

WHAT KIND OF GLASSES ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

BESIDES, I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT GLASSES EITHER...

YOU CAN TRY OUT ALL SORTS TO SEE WHAT FITS BEST.

FEEL FREE TO TAKE A SEAT.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY ABOUT THAT...

I'LL GO WITH THE PAIR YOU LIKE.

I MEAN, YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO'LL SEE ME IN THEM, SO...

THEY LOOK FASHIONABLE, I THINK?

UH... WELL...

HMM. LET'S TRY OUT SOME OTHER ONES AS WELL.

FOR EXAMPLE...

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THESE FRAMES?

STARTING TO ENJOY THE GLASSES FASHION SHOW.

A MATURE STYLE.

DEFINITELY UNIQUE.

UH... THE COLOR LOOKS GOOD.

HMM. HOW ABOUT THESE?

WELL, AT THIS RATE, WE'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO DECIDE-

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT?

WAIT, KAORU, YOU'VE ONLY SAID GOOD THINGS SO FAR.

UH...

THOSE ARE CUTE.

...

...

?

THUMBS UP

THEN...

I GUESS I'LL GO WITH THESE.

«NEXT

LEVEL 33 KAORI-CHAN: PART 1

SLEEPY

OH.

OKAY.

I'M TIRED...

I'M GONNA TAKE A NAP...

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SHUFFLE

もぞ...

NGH...

DAZE

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...

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DAZE

...

YES?

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KNOCK

コン
KNOCK

ガチャ
KA-CHAK

HOW DOES SOME CAKE SOUN-

I'M COM-ING IN.

NANAMI, KAORI-CHAN...

OH MY, SHE'S ASLEEP. HOW RUDE.

YOU CAME OVER TO VISIT HER, BUT THIS GIRL...

ZZZす～

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

JUST LET HER NAP.

I'M USED TO THIS BY NOW.

YOU MEAN IT HAPPENS ALL THE TIME?

REALLY...?

YEAH.

BESIDES, NANAMI HAS A HABIT OF FORGETTING TO SLEEP IF SHE GETS TOO FOCUSED ON A GAME.

IN A WAY, I'M KIND OF PROUD OF HER FOR TAKING NAPS TO ACTUALLY GET SOME REST.

NANA-MI...

I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU WERE BEING SPOILED!

ZZZ

DO YOU PLAY GAMES AS WELL?

MM, I SOMETIMES PLAY WITH NANAMI.

LET'S DO THIS.

HUH?

WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY A GAME WITH ME UNTIL NANAMI WAKES UP?

OH.

NANAMI'S TABLET.

Player 1: Kaori

Player 2: Mom

Player 2 WINS!

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

YUP! I'M EXCIT-ED!

I LOST...?

OH, YEAH.

I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO TALK WITH YOU ONE-ON-ONE YET, KAORI-CHAN.

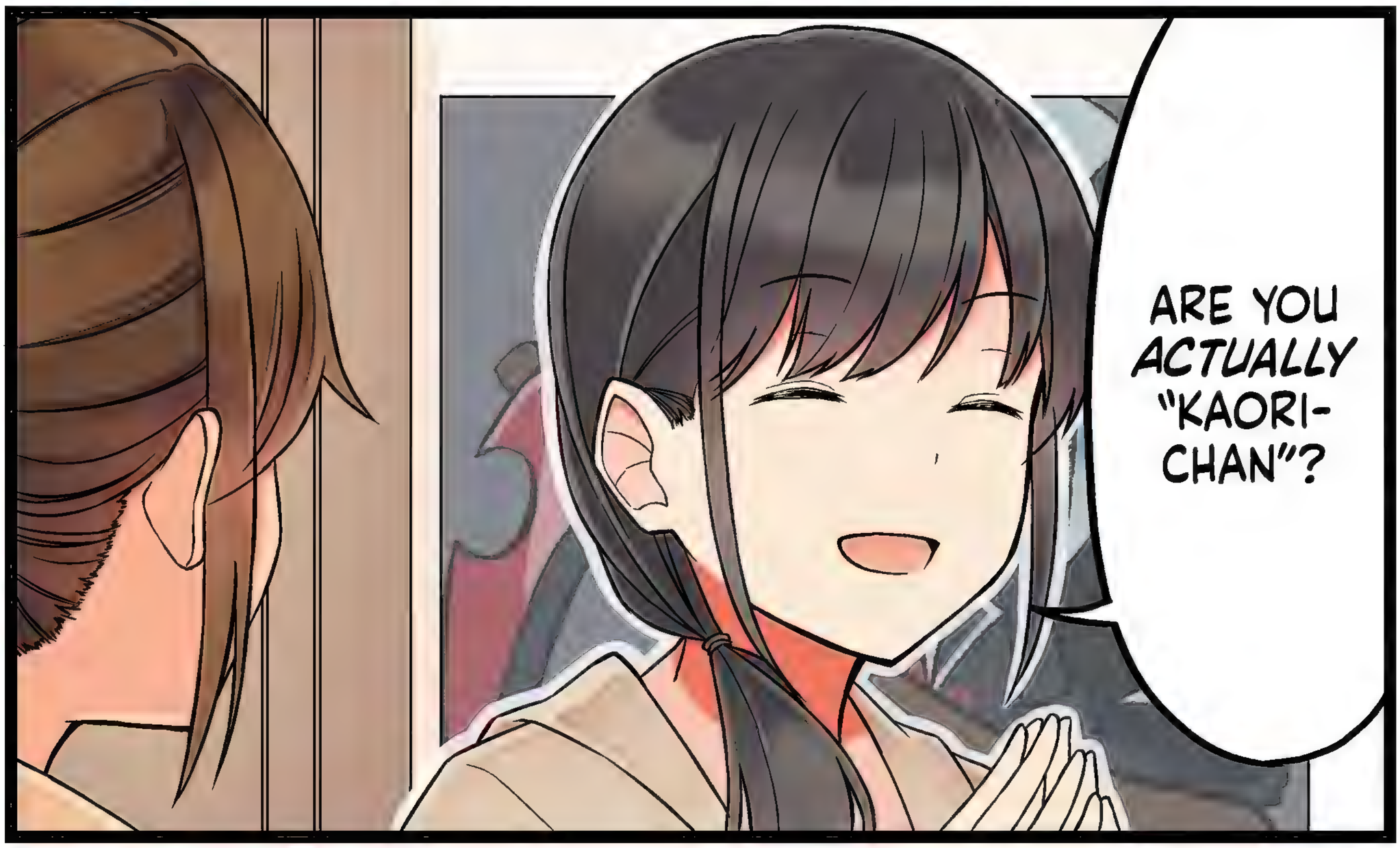
HM?

SURE.

KAORI-CHAN...

WHILE WE'RE AT IT...

CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN WANT-ING TO FOR A WHILE?



LEVEL 34 KAORI-CHAN: PART 2

WHERE DID THAT QUESTION COME FROM?

KAORI-CHAN... ARE YOU ACTUALLY "KAORI-CHAN"?

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だら PANIC

だら PANIC

B-DMP

WAIT...

HAS SHE FIGURED OUT THE TRUTH?!

AM I BUSTED?!

B-DMP

B-DMP

B-DMP

IT'S SIMPLE.

OH.

WELL...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

I DON'T GET IT...

ERR...

UM...

JUST TO MAKE SURE...

CAN I ASK...

OH, THAT'S WHAT SHE MEANT ?!

I'M STILL SAFE!

YOU USED "KAORI" FOR THIS GAME RIGHT HERE TOO.

I WAS JUST WONDERING IF "KAORI-CHAN" *WAS* JUST YOUR ONLINE HANDLE.

AND SO...

YOU GOT TO KNOW NANAMI ONLINE, RIGHT?

I'M GLAD I DIDN'T JUMP TO CONCLU-SIONS!

WELL ...

KAORI IS MY REAL NAME (IN A WAY).

ERR...

OH, I SEE!

SORRY FOR ASKING YOU ALL OF A SUDDEN.

...

ほっ...

WHEW

くす

GIGGLE

NANAMI'S NOT REALLY THE TYPE OF PERSON WHO GOES OUT MUCH.

SHE'S NOT THE SORT OF GIRL WHO'D GO OUT OF HER WAY TO MEET STRANGERS.

THAT'S JUST NOT WHO SHE IS.

I THINK YOU KNOW THIS BY NOW, KAORI-SAN, BUT...

YOU SEE...

I WAS CONCERNED WHEN SHE TOLD ME SHE WANTED TO MEET UP WITH A FRIEND OF HERS.

I WORRIED THAT SHE MIGHT CROSS THE LINE WITHOUT THINKING AND CAUSE TROUBLE FOR HER FRIEND.

AND EXPERIENCING SOMETHING LIKE THAT WOULD MAKE HER SAD.

BUT, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

SHE PROBABLY TRUSTED YOU AS HER ONLINE FRIEND.

THAT'S WHY I'M GLAD YOU WERE WILLING TO MEET UP WITH HER!

I REALLY AM.

KAORI-SAN, I'M LEAVING NANAMI IN YOUR HANDS.

TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER, OKAY?

UH...

WHAT THE HECK?!

WHAT'D MOM MEAN BY THAT JUST NOW?!

IT'S TOO AWKWARD TO GET UP...

SHE WOKE UP ABOUT THREE PANELS AGO.

OH, UM...

SNUGGLE

OKAY.

«NEXT

LEVEL 35 FAMILY AND DINNER

I-I CAN STAY FOR DINNER AS WELL?

OH...

THANK YOU.

I'D LOVE TO JOIN YOU.

WELL, IF YOU DIDN'T ALREADY PLAN ON GOING HOME, THAT IS.

OF COURSE!

NOW THEN...

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR DINNER, SO BOTH OF YOU SHOULD HOLD BACK ON SNACKS FOR NOW.

HUH?

OH.

I'LL HELP OUT!

DING♪

OH, SOMEONE JOINED THE LOBBY.

'KAAAY.

OKAY, I'LL START COOKING NOW. COME DOWN IN ABOUT 30 MINUTES, OKAY?

WAIT, HUH...?

MATCH IS STARTING!

YEAH! LET ME KNOW WHAT TO DO!

ARE YOU SURE?

...

トーン CHOP
トーン CHOP
トーン CHOP
YOU SEEM QUITE USED TO COOKING, THOUGH.
DO YOU OFTEN HELP OUT AT HOME AS WELL?
UM...
WELL...
I DON'T MIND.
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO.
THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME OUT, KAORI-SAN.
トーン CHOP
トーン CHOP
I MAKE MY OWN MEALS MOST OF THE TIME.
コト SIMMER
コト SIMMER

I SEE.

...

MY DAD CAN'T COOK AT ALL.

PLUS, HE ISN'T HOME MUCH SINCE HE GOES ON BUSINESS TRIPS, SO...

FEEL FREE TO STAY FOR DINNER WHENEVER YOU COME OVER.

GRAB

WELL, IN THAT CASE...

KAORI-SAN, IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU...

THERE'S NO NEED TO HESITATE. FOOD TASTES BETTER WHEN EATING WITH OTHERS, BESIDES... AFTER ALL.

UM...

...

N-NANA-MI?!

WHEN DID YOU COME DOWN?!

I THINK NANAMI WOULD BE HAPPY ABOUT IT. RIGHT?

HEH!

THIS IS A RARE SIGHT.

SHE USUALLY JUST KEEPS PLAYING GAMES UNTIL DINNER'S READY.

WELL...

YOU CAME DOWN TO HELP MOM WITH DINNER, AND I HAD NOTHING TO DO BY MYSELF, SO...

UH...

WELL...

HUH?!

EHEH HEH!

OH, WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY THE NIGHT TOO, KAORI-SAN?

WHY DON'T WE ALL MAKE DINNER TOGETHER, THEN?

FEEL FREE!

«NEXT

LEVEL 36 DAD

NANAMI'S HOUSE.

SO...

YOU REALLY WENT ALONG WITH MOM'S IDEA TO SLEEP OVER TONIGHT.

IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR NOT FIRMLY SAYING NO.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY THE NIGHT?

MUTTER ごにょ

MUTTER ごにょ

UGH...

BUT...

SHE MEANT WELL BY IT...

NO BUTS.

"MOM-MY" ...?

IGNORE THAT!

LOOK, I DON'T REALLY MIND IF MOMMY REALIZES YOU'RE ACTUALLY A GUY, BUT...

MY OVERPRO-TECTIVE DAD CAN'T FIND OUT!

...

I SEE...

IS HIS ROOM ON THE FIRST FLOOR?

HIS WORKOUT ROOM IS.

LISTEN.

MY DAD'S USUALLY DOWNSTAIRS THIS TIME OF THE DAY, SO DON'T GO DOWN THERE.

PLUS, HE ISN'T HOME MUCH SINCE HE GOES ON BUSINESS TRIPS, SO...

MY DAD CAN'T COOK AT ALL.

THE ARCADE!

YUP, IT'S A CLOTHING STORE

WE'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

NO WAY!

THAT'S WHAT HAP-PENED.

I'VE BEEN THE ONE DRAG-GING HIM AROUND.

I'VE GOT NO CHOICE BUT TO EXERCISE A BIT.

I HAD NO IDEA...

KNOCK KNOCK

HEY, KAORU.

HM?

KA-TA CHAK

I DON'T WANT TO TAKE A BATH JUST YET-

WHAT IS IT, MOM?

JUST...

JUST HOW MUCH...

...DO I REALLY KNOW ABOUT KAORU?

WHEN I TRIED DATING MY INTIMIDATING CLASSMATE

HOLD OUT

IS HE HERE BECAUSE OF KAORU?

HE RARELY COMES TO VISIT MY ROOM, SO...

DID HIS OVER-PROTECTIVE DAD SENSES TINGLE?!

CAN'T SEE THE DOOR!

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL!

CARDS?

Playingo Cards

I'M NOT SURE IF KIDS ENJOY CARD GAMES, THOUGH ...

WOULDJA MAYBE WANNA PLAY SOME TOGE-THER?

I DON'T REALLY KNOW MUCH ABOUT GAMES.

HONEY TOLD ME TO FIND SOMETHIN' WE COULD ALL DO TOGETHER HERE AT HOME, BUT...

I'D BE HAPPY TO!

(ニコニコ)

SMILE

«NEXT

LEVEL 36.5

EASY TO READ

«NEXT

LEVEL 37 FIRST TIME TRYING ON A WIG

OH, IT'S ALREADY THIS LATE?

GONG...

GONG

HUH?

WHY DON'T YOU BOTH GO TAKE A BATH NOW?

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B-DMP

?!

'KAY. C'MON, KAORI.

すっ

STEP

OH.

YEAH, I FIG-URED AS MUCH!

LEAVE YOUR WIG WITH ME.

I'LL STAND GUARD HERE, SO YOU GO IN FIRST.

ARE WE TAKING TURNS, OR...

UM... NANAMI?

KA-CHAK

SHAAAAA

...

ちらっ GLANCE(

SHAAAA

I'VE ONLY SEEN HOW IT LOOKS ON HIM...

SO THIS IS WHAT HIS WIG IS LIKE.

HMM...

WHOA...

JUST FOR A BIT!

RUSTLE

SNIFF すん

*DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO WEAR A WIG.

IT GETS KINDA TANGLED UP IN MY OWN HAIR, THOUGH...

W-WELL, THEN...

I LOOK DECENT ENOUGH... YEAH.

SORRY, NANAMI, BUT CAN YOU HAND ME-

SLIDE ナナミ

IT SMELLS THE SAME AS KAORU'S CLOTHES...

SNIFF すん

SNIFF すん

OH.

THIS WIG...

A TOWEL...

KAORU HAD LEFT HIS WIG WITH NANAMI, ONLY TO BE GREETED BY THE SIGHT OF HER TRYING IT ON AND SNIFFING IT.

EEP?

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VUSH

BLUU

NO, MY WI-

DON'T THROW IT AT ME!

N-NANAMI, CALM DOWN!

I DIDN'T SEE ANY-THING! LET'S FORGET IT!

?!?!?!

«NEXT

LEVEL 38

HAS THIS BECOME NORMAL FOR ME?

HA HA...

UM, WELL...

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO HEAD TO BED, BUT...

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

STILL CROSS-DRESSED AS KAORI.

YOU CAN USE THE BED, KAORU.

HUH?

I'M GONNA STAY UP ALL NIGHT GAMING.

I ALREADY SLEPT SOME EARLIER.

YOU'LL DO WHAT...?

*TRYING TO DISTRACT HERSELF BY NOT THINKING TOO HARD ABOUT IT.

GO TO SLEEP!

I'M PRACTICALLY NOCTURNAL, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME!

OH.

OKAY...

YES, I'M SURE!

IT'S *YOUR* BED, THOUGH.

ARE YOU SURE?

LATER...

WELL, THEN. I GUESS ALL THAT HESITATION WAS FOR SHOW.

ZZZ

ZZZ

ALL RIGHT.

TIME TO GAME.

YAWN

OH WELL, THIS IS FINE.

HE SURE CONKED OUT EASY.

I GUESS I'LL TELL KAORU ABOUT IT IN THE MORN-ING.

I HAD NO IDEA...

YIKES! THAT ATTACK GOES THROUGH WALLS?

SHING

HAS THIS BECOME NORMAL FOR ME?

WAIT, HOLD ON...

I JUST NATURALLY THOUGHT ABOUT KAORU...

ZZZ

NGH...

ROLL

JOLT

RUSTLE

I USED TO HATE MORNINGS.

THAT'S WHY I WOULD STAY UP ALL NIGHT ... DOING NOTHING BUT PLAYING GAMES.

I'VE NEVER SAID THIS, BUT... UM...

ANY-
WAY...

YEAH...

I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO TOMORROW.

NOW AND THEN...

I STILL GET FLASHBACKS OF BAD MEMORIES, BUT...

ケラケラ
GIGGLE

I'M NOT SCARED OF MORNINGS ANYMORE.

AND, WELL...

IT'S THANKS TO-

...

...

I DON'T NEED TO SAY THIS...

«NEXT

LEVEL 38.5

MORNING

«NEXT

LEVEL 39 I FIGURED YOU LIKED THIS

HM?

HEY, NANAMI, I'M KINDA HUNGRY.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME TO GET YOU?

HOLD ON, KAORU.

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THE NEXT DAY.

LET *ME* ORDER FOR US TODAY!

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CONFIDENT

HUH?!

DON'T YOU HAVE ANY FAITH IN ME?!

UH, WELL …

YOU DON'T HAVE TO FORCE YOURSELF…

"COM-MUNI-CATION SKILLS"...?

YEAH, I'VE DONE THINGS LIKE TALK WITH YOU OVER THE PHONE.

I'VE ALSO GONE OUTSIDE TO HANG OUT WITH YOU, AND YOU'VE COME OVER TO MY HOUSE TOO.

I'LL BE FINE! I'VE LEVELED UP MY COMMUNI-CATION SKILLS RECENTLY!

I MEAN, YOU'RE NO GOOD AT TALKING WITH STRANGERS, RIGHT?

OH.

YEAH...

HM?

HOLD ON. NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, *YOU'RE* THE ONLY ONE I'VE SPOKEN WITH...

HOW IS THIS COM-MUNI-CAT-ING?

I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO TALK TO THE CASHIER IF I JUST SHOW THIS COUPON!

IN ANY CASE, I CAN HANDLE ORDERING FOOD BY MYSELF JUST FINE!

ピコン JOLT

THAT COUPON CAN'T BE USED AFTER 10 A.M.

OH, I'M VERY SORRY.

UM, ARE THERE ANY OTHER COUPONS WE CAN STILL USE?

OH, YES! THE COUPONS AFTER THIS ONE ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR USE!

OH, SHE DIDN'T HAVE A PLAN B.

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ピコン SHAKE

ピコン SHAKE

UM, WELL...

HUH?

I'LL GET THE SAME ONE AS YOU.

WHICH ONE DO YOU WANNA GO WITH, NANAMI?

I...

SURE THING! TWO HAMBURGER COMBOS!

I-I'LL GO WITH THIS!

TWO ORDERS OF THIS COMBO, PLEASE!

THERE WERE A LOT OF OTHER OPTIONS.

OH YEAH, WHY'D YOU DECIDE TO GET THIS COMBO IN PARTICULAR?

HUH?

WELL...

I USED UP A WEEK'S WORTH OF ENERGY FOR THIS...

ARMADILLO SLEEPING POSITION.

CONGRATS ON SUCCESSFULLY ORDERING FOOD.

ZZZZZ

YOU ORDERED THIS THE LAST TIME WE CAME HERE, RIGHT?

I FIGURED YOU LIKED THIS, SO YEAH.

THAT'S WHY I-

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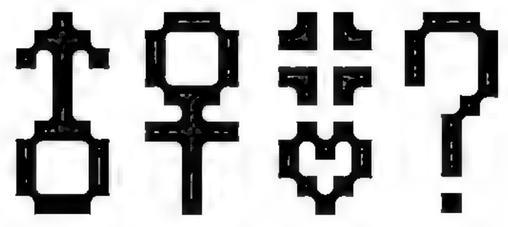
...THANKS.



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LEVEL 40 SLEEP WELL. THANKS.

NANAMI!

RUB

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RUB

OH, UM... THANKS.

HERE. I GOT YOU SOME COFFEE.

WELL... YOU ORDER IT WHENEVER WE GO TO CAFÉS, SO...

OH.

WELL, IT'S NOT THAT I REALLY *LIKE* COFFEE.

HM?

UPSY-DAISY!

ARE YOU A BIG COFFEE PERSON, NANAMI?

RIGHT...

SINCE SHE STAYS UP ALL NIGHT A LOT...

IT'S MORE THAT I'LL FALL ASLEEP IF I DON'T DRINK IT...

...

IT'S NICE YOU CAN DRINK IT FROM THE HOLE IN THE LID SO IT WON'T GET COLD TOO FAST.

YEAH, COFFEE DOES TASTE GOOD.

WELL...

THE TASTE OF COFFEE ITSELF IS ALL RIGHT TOO.

HUH?!

WAIT, WHAT?

ISN'T THE HOLE USED TO SMELL IT?

nnn

AH, THIS IS THE GOOD OL' DIGITAL NOMAD LIFE...

THAT WAY, YOU CAN BASK IN A SENSE OF SUPERIORITY WHILE IN CAFÉS AND SUCH.

I THOUGHT THIS WAS FOR DIFFUSING THE SMELL OF COFFEE THROUGH YOUR SURROUNDINGS WHILE YOU WORK.

UM...

THIS HOLE IS FOR KEEPING THE COFFEE HOT WHILE YOU DRINK IT...

TAP

TAP

THAT'S A REALLY WARPED LINE OF THOUGHT...

YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY PERSON WHO THINKS LIKE THAT.

HMM, FINE. YOU DRINK THROUGH THESE KINDS OF LIDS LIKE THIS, RIGHT?

GULP

OH!

CAREFUL, IT'S HOT!

GASP

I TRIED TO WARN YOU...

H-H-H-HOT!!!

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EVEN A BURNT TONGUE AND CAFFEINE WEREN'T ENOUGH TO DEFEAT HER SLEEPI-NESS...
WELL, I GUESS COFFEE WASN'T ENOUGH.
SHE STILL FELL ASLEEP IN THE END.
DAY 3
DRAPE
*NANAMI'S JACKET.
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE SHE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT YESTER-DAY.
I STOLE HER BED TOO, SO...
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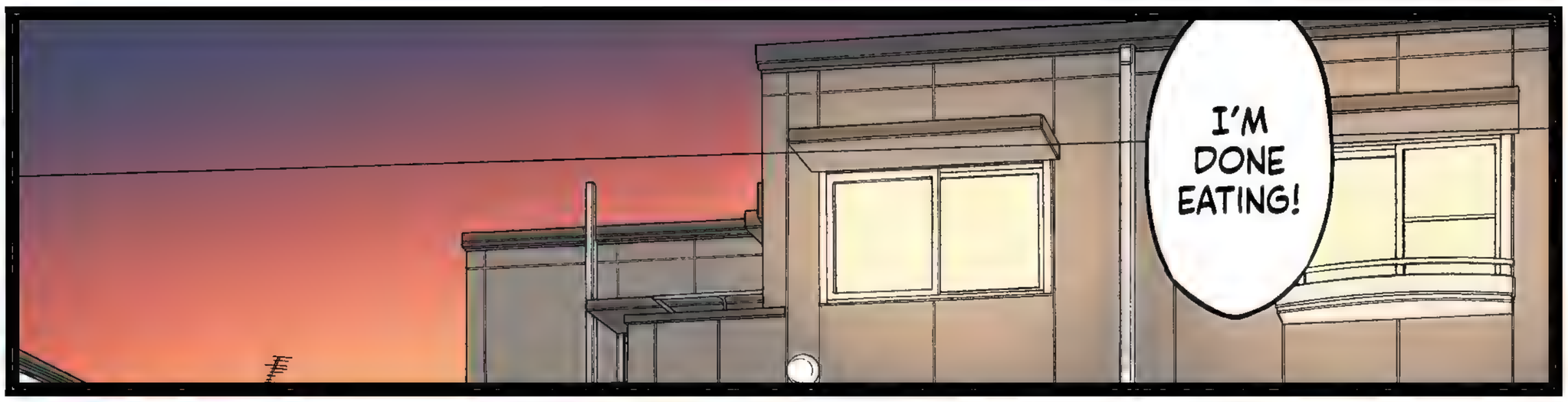
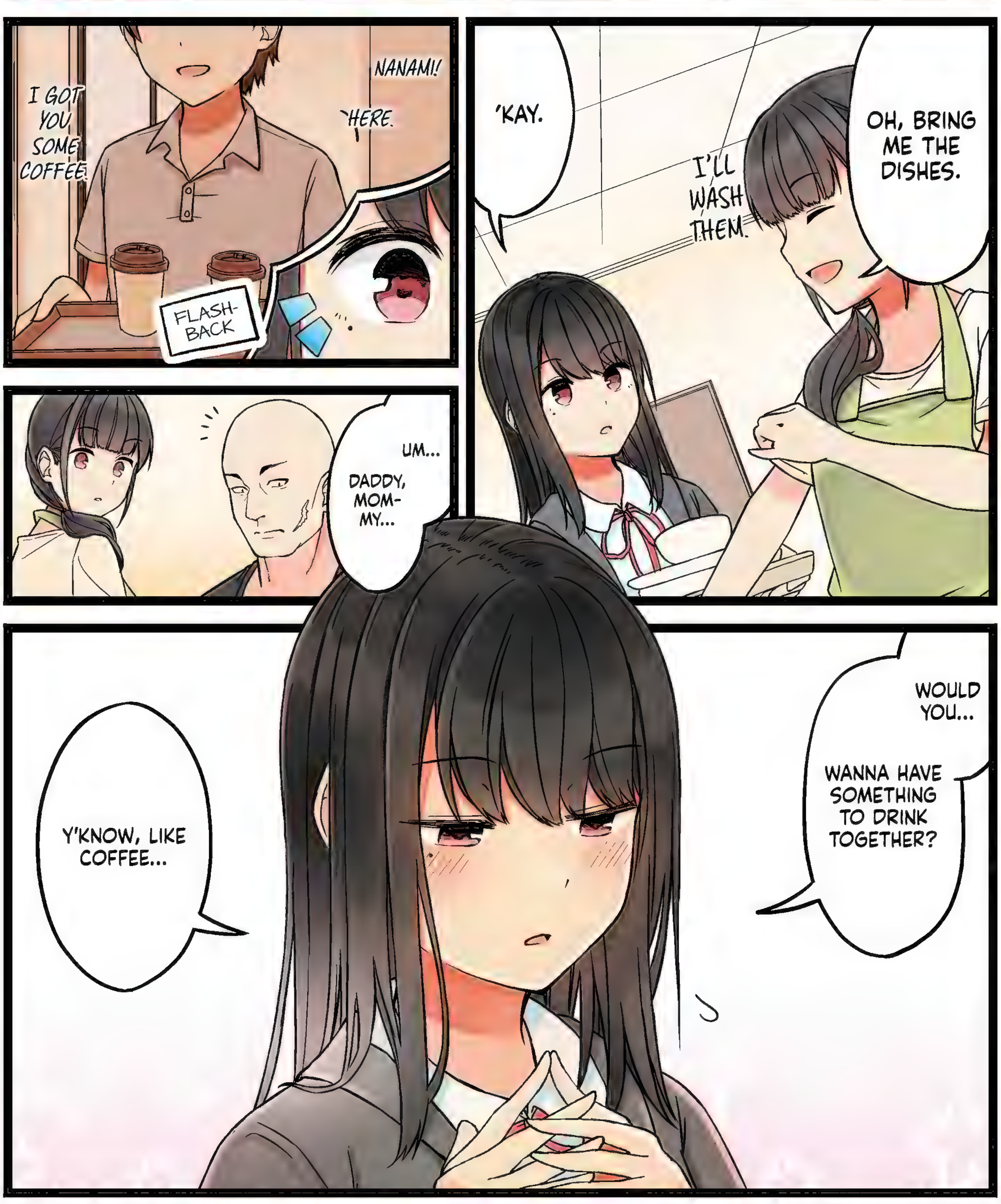
SLEEP WELL.
THANKS.
«NEXT

LEVEL 41 YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONE DAY





NO, NOT AT ALL. IT'S JUST A BIT SURPRISING.

DOES IT REALLY MATTER?

HUH? W-WELL...

IT'S RARE FOR YOU TO SUGGEST SOMETHING LIKE THIS, NANAMI.

OH MY, WHERE DID THIS COME FROM?

DADDY?!

I NEVER THOUGHT I'D GET T' DRINK COFFEE MADE BY MY OWN LITTLE GIRL...

IN FACT, IF YOU LOOK OVER HERE, YOU'LL SEE SOMEONE MOVED BY HIS DAUGHTER'S UNEXPECTED KINDNESS.

DON'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM ME, OKAY?

IT'S MY FIRST TIME MAKING IT.

IT'S JUST COFFEE!

IT...

I-IT REALLY ISN'T THAT BIG OF A DEAL.

CLUNK

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SIP

NANA-MI...

ドキ B-DMP

U-UM... HOW IS IT?

ドキ B-DMP

HMM...

WELL... HERE YOU GO.

HUH?! WHAT?! I NEED TO FILTER THE COFFEE BEANS?!

*THOUGHT THEY WOULD MELT.

CRUNCHY

YOU SEE, THERE'S SOMETHIN' CALLED A COFFEE FILTER.

YOU USE IT WHEN MAKIN' COFFEE, AND...

THE GROUNDS SHOULD SETTLE A BIT.

I'LL TRY OUT THE OTHER CUP TOO.

I DON'T MIND DRINKIN' THIS AS IS.

HUH?

I-I'M SO SORRY!

I'LL REMAKE IT RIGHT AWAY!

NAH, DON'T WORRY.

WHY DO YOU BOTH WANT TO DO THAT?

IT'S NOT LIKE IT TASTES GOOD, RIGHT?

I MEAN... YOU GET IT, RIGHT, DEAR?

MM-HM.

???

EHEH HEH.

LET'S JUST SAY THAT YOU'LL UNDERSTAND ONE DAY, NANAMI.

«NEXT

LEVEL 42 IT'S MORE EXCITING

LET'S PLAY A PENALTY GAME.

OKAY?

PENALTY GAME?

CAME BY TO PLAY GAMES

THAT'S WHY HE'S CROSS-DRESSING!

YEAH.

I THINK YOU'RE JUST TOO GOOD AT IT, NANAMI...

1 Nanami
2 Milky ☆ Way
3 KAORI
4 BigMossBall
5 KEKW
6 Deadish LAB
7 slow N steady
8 Shimamura.jp

THIS GAME IS WAY TOO EASY, SO THERE'S NOTHING EXCITING ABOUT IT.

I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT IT FOR A WHILE.

SHE'S BEING INFLUENCED BY THE INTERNET AGAIN...

JUST WHAT DID SHE FIND ON GOOGLE?

FRIENDS GAMES FUN

Great choice! Exciting penalty ga

Penalty games with fri

Thrilling

APPAR-ENTLY IT IS.

IT'S MORE EXCITING TO SET UP A PENALTY GAME WHEN YOU'RE PLAYING WITH FRIENDS, RIGHT?

"BE-SIDES"?

BE-SIDES ...

BUT IF THERE'S A PENALTY FOR THE LOSER, IT'LL MAKE US MORE MOTIVA-TED TO WIN.

I MANAGED TO FIND JUST THE THING.

I FIGURED YOU WOULD ASK THAT.

SURE, I GUESS, BUT WHAT KIND OF PENALTY GAME WERE YOU THINK-ING?

YOU'VE DEFINITELY GOT A KNACK FOR FINDING THINGS LIKE THIS.

I HAVE NO IDEA HOW YOU DO IT.

CHECK THIS OUT!

IT'S A RANDOM PENALTY GENERATOR APP!

DOESN'T IT SOUND FUN?!

WELL, ALL THAT MATTERS IS THAT SHE'S HAVING FUN.

I LOOKED UP HOW TO USE IT!

LEAVE THIS TO ME!

ALL RIGHT, TIME TO BEGIN!

TAP THIS BUTTON HERE, AND THEN...

PENALTY GAME (RANDOMLY GENERATED)

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Tell the person you like about your feelings for them.

Comments:
In a way, this is both the easiest and hardest penalty game. Don't uninstall this app even if things don't go well. Good luck!

LET'S GO!

BAM!

*Share results

Retry

...

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ACK!

BEEP BEEP

OH, THE RACE IS ABOUT TO START.

THIS ISN'T A PENAL-

WH- WHAT THE HELL IS THIS?!

HUUUH ?!

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5th

8th

VRRRR

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カチャ CLACK

カチャ CLACK

カチャ CLACK

ブオオオオオオ

«NEXT

LEVEL 43 I WISH I'D NEVER BROUGHT THIS UP!

UH...

ERR...

カチャ CLACK

5th

カチャ CLACK

カチャ CLACK

UM...

カチャ CLACK

HOW DID THINGS TURN OUT THIS WAY?!

DRIP

FREAK-ING OUT.

DRIP

DRIP

HOW..

SERI-OUSLY? BUT...

UH, NANAMI...

WAIT, DOES THAT MEAN KAORU HAS TO TELL THE PERSON HE LIKES ABOUT HIS FEELINGS FOR THEM IF I WIN?

AND IF HE WINS, THEN I HAVE TO DO IT?

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Retr

OH, RIGHT, IT'S BECAUSE THAT APP GENERATED AN AWK-WARD RESULT...

AAA-GGGH-HH!

!Reverse!

12th

YOU'RE GOING THE WRONG WAY...

ARGH...

UGH...

SHOCKED

UM...

NANA-MI...

ビクッ JOLT

1 Milky ☆ Way
2 LargeMossBall
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8 Nanami
9 Takashi
10 M...kas...
CRAB SQUAD

ちーん... CHIRP CHIRP

I...
I-I'LL DO IT!
I'M THE ONE WHO CAME UP WITH THE IDEA!
WHAT'S THE PLAN FOR THE PENALTY GAME?
WANNA CALL IT QUITS?
J-JUST GIVE ME A BIT!
LET ME THINK!
YEP!
ARE YOU SURE ...?
"LIKE"...
"PER-SON"...
BESIDES, WHAT DID THE APP EVEN MEAN BY "THE PERSON YOU LIKE"?
OR RATHER, WHY DID THAT APP GENERATE SUCH AN AWKWARD PENALTY?!
UGH, I WISH I'D NEVER BROUGHT THIS UP!

I LIKE PETEN-CHAN!

SQUEEZE

PE...

PETEN-CHAN!

*BODY PILLOW.

WHEW, SUC-CESS!

YOU PASS!

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GLANCE

...

THE FACE OF SOMEONE BRINGING CAKE WHO WAS GREETED BY THE SIGHT OF HER DAUGHTER EXPRESSING HER LOVE FOR A FICTIONAL CHARACTER AND HER FRIEND'S RESPONSE.

HUH...?

«NEXT

LEVEL 44 NEVER MIND

YEAH.
I AM.
THANK YOU FOR HAVING ME.
ARE YOU ALREADY HEADING HOME, KAORI-SAN?
IT'S STILL QUITE EARLY.
OH!
HUH?
DROP
OH...
I STILL NEED TO BUY GROCERIES FOR TOMORROW ON MY WAY BACK.
I SEE.
OKAY...
SAD

CAN YOU RUN SOME ERRANDS FOR ME, NANAMI?

HERE'S A SHOPPING LIST.

IN THAT CASE...

...HUH?

...

NGH...

MyMarket

MyMarket

CHATTER
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CHATTER
ザワ
I GUESS IT'S A BUSY TIME OF DAY.
UGH...
IT SURE IS CROWDED HERE...
Coffee
Black/Green Tea
Cup noodles
Packet noodles
DO YOU NOT GO TO THE GROCERY STORE, NANAMI?
MO-SHOP...?
KAORU MISHEARD HER.
NOT REALLY, SINCE MO-SHOPPING'S SOMETHING MY MOM USUALLY DOES.
HUH?!
WE DID HAVE A HOUSE-KEEPER DO IT FOR US WHEN I WAS LITTLE.
OH.
IT'S NOTHING.
OH, UH... WELL...
WHAT?

I THOUGHT FAMILIES WITH HOUSE-KEEPERS WERE A MYTH...

WAIT, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, NANAMI'S PLACE IS IN THE RITZY PART OF TOWN, AND IT'S GOT THREE FLOORS AND A YARD, SO...

UH, NANAMI, ARE YOU ACTUALLY KINDA RICH?

YOU KNOW WHAT? NEVER MIND.

"NEVER MIND"? WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO IMPLY?

TRYING TO TICK ME OFF?

OH WELL.

LET'S JUST FINISH THESE ERRANDS AND HEAD-

HUH?

WHAT'S ON THE LIST?

IT SAYS I CAN JUST BUY WHATEVER I WANT...

THAT'S IT?

YEAH...

FLIP

FLIP

OH, HONEY.

WHERE'S NANAMI?

SHE WENT OUT WITH KAORI-SAN.

THEY'RE SUCH GOOD FRIENDS.

«NEXT

LEVEL 45

THAT'S ONE OF MY FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL

IN THE MIDDLE OF SHOPPING TOGETHER.

SO...

WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON MAKING?

GRILLED GINGER PORK, I GUESS?

PORK SEEMS TO BE PRETTY CHEAP.

OH!

HM?

IT'S A WALLET.

I WONDER WHO DROPPED THIS.

PROBABLY THAT PERSON OVER THERE.

LET'S SEARCH FOR IT TOGETHER.

AND ABOUT THIS SIZE...

IT'S LIGHT BROWN...

SEE? HE SEEMS LIKE HE'S LOOKING FOR SOMETHING.

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT. THE STUDENT ID PHOTO LOOKS JUST LIKE...

HIM...?

...

THAT'S ONE OF MY FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL...

WH-WHA...

WH-WHAT SHOULD I DO, NANA-MI...?

THAT...

HUH?!

PANIC

PANIC

PANIC

UH...

ARE YOU OKAY?

SORRY...

WEAK INNER EARS = POOR BALANCE.

I'M DIZ-ZYYY...

UGH...

SPIN

ME?! JUST GO AND GIVE IT BACK TO HIM!

YOU KNOW I CAN'T STAND GUYS, RIGHT?

C-CAN YOU GIVE HIS WALLET BACK TO HIM FOR ME?! I'M IN GIRL MODE RIGHT NOW, SO...

SPIN

FLINCH

UM, EXCUSE ME...

...

THEY'RE BOTH TRYING TO HIDE BEHIND EACH OTHER.

SPIN

I'M SORRY FOR INTER-RUPTING.

IT'S JUST... THAT WALLET IN YOUR HANDS ... I THINK IT MIGHT BE-

U- UM... WELL...

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W-WE FOUND THIS ON THE GROUND, AND... UM...

WE WERE TALKING ABOUT RETURNING IT TO YOU, SO...

H-HERE YOU GO!

STUTTER

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STUTTER

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BLUSH

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O-OH...

THANKS...

え SURPRISE？

DASH

K-KAORI, HOLD ON! WAIT FOR ME!

O-OKAY, BYE!

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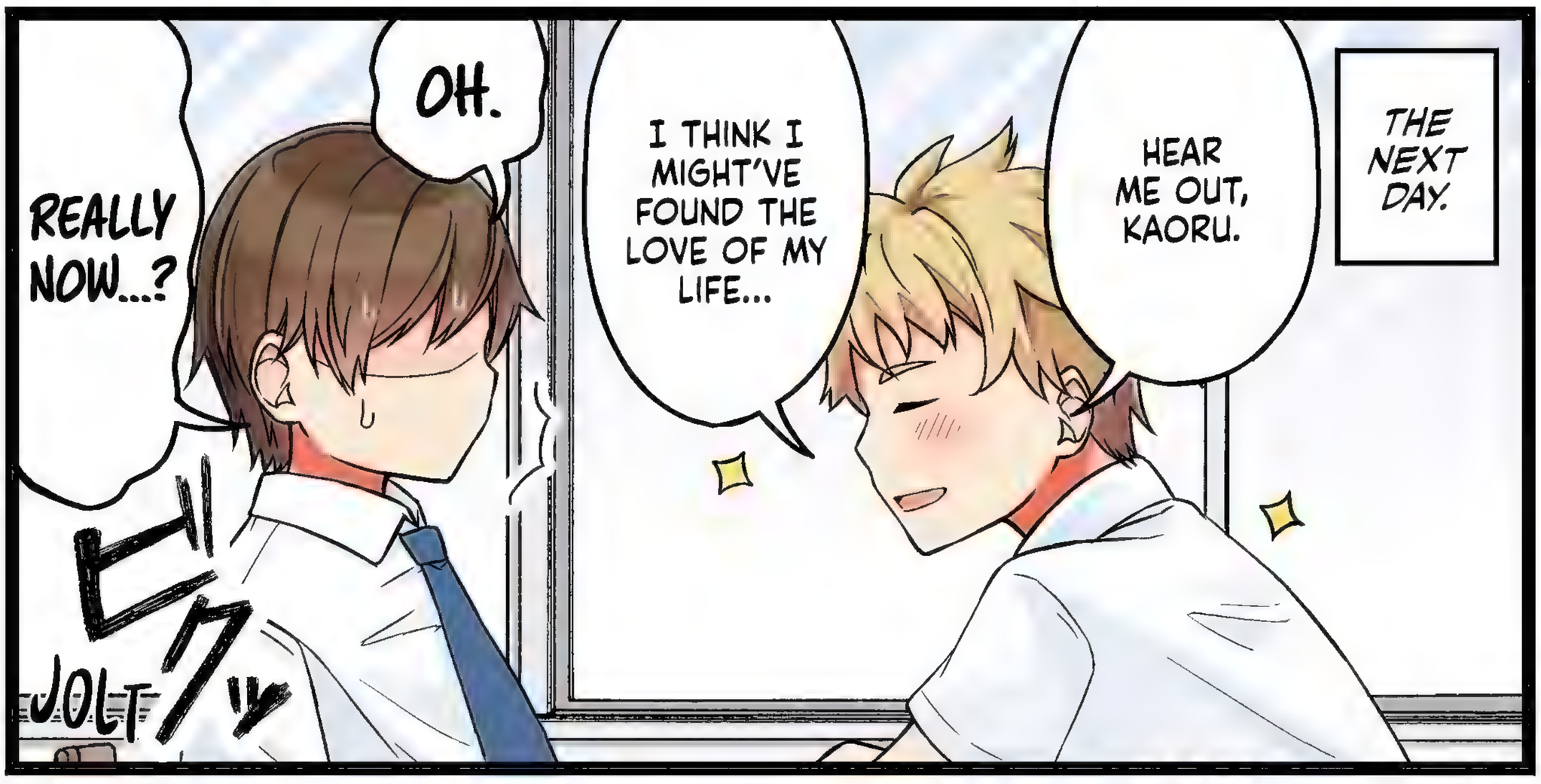
THE NEXT DAY.
HEAR ME OUT, KAORU.
I THINK I MIGHT'VE FOUND THE LOVE OF MY LIFE...
OH.
REALLY NOW...?
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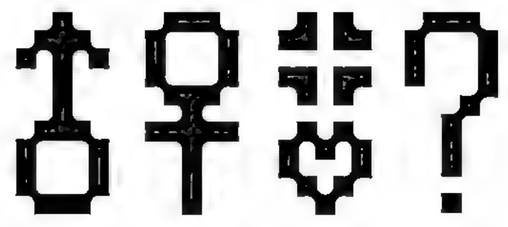

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WA-WAH

UGH...

Game Over

...

LEVEL UP

ENOUGH OF THIS FOR NOW.

I CAN'T PLAY WELL TONIGHT...

...

THAT'S ONE OF MY FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL...

HUH?!

PANIC

LOOP

LEVEL 46 HOW DO I WANT HIM TO FEEL ABOUT ME?

FRIENDS, HUH?

...

BLA~H

ぎゅっ SQUEEZE

...

BUT...

I FORGOT THAT KAORU ACTUALLY ATTENDS SCHOOL EVERY DAY. UNLIKE ME.

IT MAKES SENSE HE'S GOT OTHER FRIENDS.

HOW DO I...

...ACTUALLY FEEL ABOUT HIM?

AND HOW...

...DO I WANT HIM TO FEEL ABOUT ME?

PE-TEN♪

PE-TEN♫

*RINGTONE.

FOR SOME REASON...

I FEEL UNEASY ABOUT THAT...

BLA

HUG

ええ〜っ...

WELL THEN.

Yeah, yeah, I'll go to bed.

Nanami, are you able to fill in for tonight's raid? We're missing people.

Can you make it?

Fine, I'll get up for this.

PERFECT TIMING.

«NEXT

STOP!

GAME, SET, MATCH!

HI

BOU

NCE

OOPS...

FAULT!

LEVEL 47 GOOD LUCK, MIRUKU-CHAN

HA HA! I FIGURED YOU'D NOTICE.

YOU'VE BEEN PLAYING KIND OF BAD RECENTLY, RYUUJI.

HA HA!

I GUESS I LOST AGAIN!

HEAR ME OUT!

I THINK I'VE FOUND THE LOVE OF MY LIFE!

YOU ALREADY TOLD ME ABOUT THIS YESTERDAY.

IT'S SOME GIRL WITH BROWN HAIR YOU MET AT A STORE, RIGHT?

WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH TENNIS, THOUGH?

I MEAN, SHE'S ALL I CAN THINK ABOUT, SO...

IT CAUSES ME TO MESS UP SOMETIMES ON COURT, HA HA!

YIKES, I CAN'T BELIEVE HE'S BOASTING ABOUT HIS ONE-SIDED CRUSH OUT LOUD.

I MEAN, HE'S A SIMPLE DUDE, SO...

OH.

MIRUKU-CHAN?

3 STEP

ACK!

COLD!

DRINK

UNREQUITED

YOUR MISTAKE COST US THE MATCH.

YOU KNOW THAT, RIGHT?

UGH! SENPAI...

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POUT

LOOK, I'M SORRY, OKAY?

カミュッ KR-SHK

DO YOU HAVE A DEATH WISH?

THEN ISN'T IT YOUR FAULT FOR GETTING MATCHED WITH AN IDIOT, SENPAI?

YEAH, YOU SHOULD.

IDIOT.

BELIEVE ME, I FEEL BAD ABOUT SPACING OUT AND HOLDING YOU BACK DURING THAT DOUBLES MATCH.

DIDN'T YOU MENTION THAT YOU WERE WANTING MORE HOURS, SENPAI? IT WORKS OUT!

I'LL ASK FOR FEWER SHIFTS IF THINGS GO WELL.

MORE IMPOR-TANTLY...

YOU HAVE A PART-TIME JOB ALONG WITH CLUB ACTIVITIES.

WHAT TIME DO YOU HAVE FOR ROM-

OH, THAT'S NOT A PROBLEM.

IT DOESN'T WORK OUT AT ALL...

IDIOT...

?

GOOD LUCK, MIRUKU-CHAN...

HE'S STUPID, DENSE, *AND* OBLIVIOUS. ISN'T THAT THE WORST COMBO WHEN IT COMES TO ROMANCE?

HE'S REALLY DENSE...

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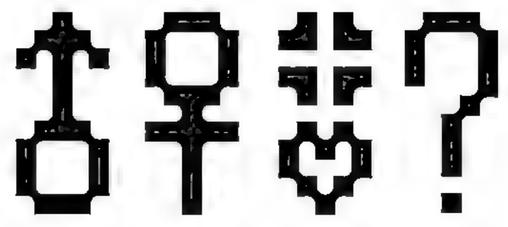

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LEVEL 48 WANNA EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS?

ONE DAY, WHILE I WAS PLAYING ONLINE...

FAINT

OOOH! REALLY?

KAORI-SAN, YOU LIKE PETEN-CHAN?

OH, YEAH.

YAY! THAT'S GREAT TO KNOW!

Kaori

MilkyW

IPF CRACKLE

CRACKLE IPF...

LULU-CHAN
PETEN-CHAN'S PARTNER (KINDA). WHILE PETEN-CHAN SILENTLY SLICES THROUGH ENEMIES, LULU-CHAN SIPS TEA OFF TO THE SIDE. SHE CAN HEAL, BUT ONLY VIA TEA, SO HER STAFF IS JUST A PROP FOR LOOKS. THE NORMALLY EXPRESSIONLESS PETEN-CHAN GRIMACES WHENEVER SHE HAS TO DRINK LULU-CHAN'S TEA, SO IT LIKELY TASTES AWFUL.

SO, LIKE, YEAH!

MY FAVE IS LULU-CHAN!☆

SHE'S SOOO CUTE!

SO THAT'S WHY YOU MADE A BLONDE HEALER?

OH...

じぃん FLAP

じぃん FLAP

I'M ACTUALLY A GUY, THOUGH...

UH...

"YEAH, TOTALLY!"

TYPING IN CHAT.

KLAK カタ KLAK

KLAK カタ

IT SUCKS NOT KNOWING ANY OTHER GIRLS WHO LIKE THE SERIES TOO!

GIRLS IN THE FANDOM ARE LIKE AN ENDANGERED SPECIES.

I MEAN, THERE'S A LOT OF GORY SCENES IN *BLOMARE**, RIGHT?

*THE MANGA AND GAME SERIES PETEN-CHAN IS FROM. SHORT FOR BLOODY NIGHTMARE.

HM?

OH, RIGHT, KAORI-SAN!

OH, HMM.

I REMEMBER NANAMI SAYING SOMETHING SIMILAR WHEN WE FIRST MET ONLINE.

WANNA MEET UP IRL?

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANNA SHOW YOU!

IF YOU'RE UP FOR IT...

GIGGLE

HUH?

IS...

I-IS SHE MAD...?

TWIRL

HOW DOES THAT LEAD TO *ME* TAGGING ALONG?

TWIRL

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR FIRST TIME MEETING

B-DMP

B-DMP

SO?

HUH?

JUST IN CASE.

SO, UM...

I FIGURED IT'D BE A GOOD IDEA TO LET YOU KNOW, NANAMI...

YEAH, SO?

I-I MEAN, OTHERWISE I'D BE MEETING A GIRL BY MYSELF, RIGHT?

...

I FIGURED YOU TWO WOULD GET ALONG, YEAH...

SH-SHE SAID SHE LIKES *BLOMARE*, SO...

W-WELL...

BY THE WAY, KAORU...

WELL, NOW I'M KINDA CURIOUS IF SHE REALLY IS A *BLOMARE* FAN.

YOU WILL?!

FINE. IF YOU INSIST, I GUESS I'LL JOIN YOU.

KA-CHAK-チャ

I MEAN, I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT...

THAT WOULD BE ME. SOR-RY...

I'M WAITING FOR A CUTE GIRL WHO LOVES A CHARACTER CALLED PETEN-CHAN, SO...

WHY NOT JUST ADMIT THAT YOU PLAY AS A GIRL ONLINE LIKE YOU DID WITH ME?

*SEE VOLUME ONE

OH YEAH, WHAT BRANDS OF UNDIES DO YOU LIKE, KAORI-SAN?

I LIKE THE ONES THAT—

WE HIT IT OFF WITH A BIT OF "GIRL TALK" AND COVERED SOME SPICY TOPICS...

OH, THAT MAKES SENSE.

SOUNDS LIKE A STRUGGLE...

I COULDN'T TELL HER THAT I'M A GUY...

WHY ARE YOU CROSS-DRESSED?

HUH?

OH!

SHE SHOULD BE SOME-WHERE AROUND HERE...

UH...

SO...

OH WELL.

WHERE IS THIS PERSON YOU'RE MEETING?

HELLO!
NANAMI-SAN AND KAORI-SAN, RIGHT?

LEMME INTRO-DUCE MYSELF!
I'M MILKY ☆ WAY!

ぴょーん
FWUMP

LU...

IT'S REALLY NICE TO MEET YOU TWO!
YOU'RE BOTH SUPER CUTE!☆

...

LULU-CHAN COS-PLAY?!

IS THIS COSTUME WHAT YOU WANTED TO SHOW ME?

YUP, THAT'S RIGHT!☆

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SO...

ROOM
WESTERN-STYLE INTERIOR

BY THE WAY...

...

IT'S LIKE A MIX BETWEEN A LAB COAT AND A UNIFORM.

I WENT OUT OF MY WAY TO MAKE IT AND WANTED TO SHOW OFF ALL MY HARD WORK...

BUT NONE OF MY COSPLAY FRIENDS KNOW *BLOMARE*.

OH, UM...

HUH?

JUST TO BE SURE... DOES SHE NOT LIKE ME OR SOME-THING?

WHAT'S WRONG? YOU WERE FINE JUST A-

PINCH

HM?

NANAMI ...?

OHooo

I COM-PLETELY FORGOT ABOUT THIS!!...

RIGHT...

WHAT TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR FIRST TIME MEETING

FIRST TA
DEEP BRE

...

SHIVER

I CAN TELL HOW ANXIOUS SHE IS FROM HOW HER HAND'S SHAKING...

ASIDE FROM ME, NANAMI HASN'T TALKED WITH SOMEONE HER OWN AGE IN A VERY LONG TIME.

UM, HOLD ON...

I WANNA DOUBLE-CHECK.

NANAMI...

UH, NO, IT'S THE OTHER WAY AROUND.

WHY DO YOU ASK?

I MEAN...

AND SHE'S KAORI-SAN, THE CATGIRL, RIGHT?

YOU'RE NANAMI-SAN, THE MALE ELF...

?!

YOU'RE A GUY, AREN'T YOU?

LIKE, DUDE.

THERE WAS A BIGGER CLUE.

WELL, YOUR VOICE IS A BIT DEEP, BUT...

EVEN MY DAD'S OVERPROTECTIVE RADAR HASN'T MANAGED TO DETECT HIM, AND YET...!

DAD'S... RADAR?

H-HUH?

HOW DID...?

YIKES! SHE SAW THROUGH ME THANKS TO HER COSPLAY KNOW-HOW?!

IT'S DECENT, BUT I CAN TELL IT'S NOT YOUR REAL HAIR.

YOUR *WIG* WAS A DEAD GIVEAWAY.

OKAY THEN...

WHEW...

RUSTLE

SIGH

HA HA! DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!

I MEAN, IT'S NOTHING UNUSU-AL...

YOU'RE RIGHT, I'M A GUY.

I'M SORRY FOR ALL OF THIS.

I DIDN'T MEAN TO DECEIVE YOU OR ANY-THING...

HIT

B-DMP

IS THAT SO...?

HIT

B-DMP

HM?

RUMMAGE

RUMMAGE

I BROUGHT AN OUTFIT THAT I WANTED YOU TO TRY ON...

I'M NOT SURE WHAT TO DO WITH *THIS* NOW, THOUGH.

LOOK

PERK

IT'S A PETEN-CHAN COSPLAY.

OH.

UM, ERR...

WANNA TRY IT ON ANYWAY?

MIGHT AS WELL.

GRABッ

OH, REALLY? THAT'S A SHAME.

I'M NOT THAT INTO COSPLAY OR ANY-THING, SO...

I ONLY CROSS-DRESS BECAUSE I NEED TO FOR A CERTAIN REASON.

PETEN-CHAN...!

WHOA! SUPER CUTE!☆

UM...

...

I'M SURPRISED! I DIDN'T MAKE THE OUTFIT TO YOUR EXACT MEASURE-MENTS, BUT I'M GLAD IT FITS YOU PERFECT-LY!

THIS IS THE SHORTEST SKIRT I'VE EVER WORN!

I'VE GOT TIGHTS ON, BUT...

もじ FIDGET

はあ PANT

はあ PANT...

ピク JOLT

HM?

ERR...

UM, LULU-CHAN...

FIDGET そわ

FIDGET そわ

NANAMI ...

PLEASE STOP GETTING EXCITED BY THE SIGHT OF ME IN GIRLS' CLOTHES...

UO-OHHH ...!

PE-TEN-CHAN ...!

UO-OHHH ...!

...

PANT はぁ

PANT はぁ

SMILE にこ

NANAMI-SAN...

Y'KNOW, TOGETHER.

WANNA TAKE SOME PICTURES?

OKAAAY!☆

OH, UM...

YEAH, SURE!

WHEW!

THAT WAS SO MUCH FUN!

I DIDN'T THINK I'D EVER GET TO CHAT WITH ANOTHER GIRL WHO LIKES *BLOMARE* TOO!

OH, I HAD FUN TALKING WITH YOU AS WELL, KAORI-SAN!☆

LIKE I SAID, I'M SORRY...

HEH HEH!☆

...

UM, ERR, I...

UGH...

OH, UH, MILKY-SAN...

NANAMI-SAN...

TO BE HONEST...

I'M NOTHING LIKE LULU-CHAN WHEN I'M OUT OF COSPLAY.

I DON'T LOOK GIRLY AT ALL.

AND I HIDE MY OTAKU HOBBIES FROM OTHER PEOPLE.

DO YOU ALSO AVOID USING ☆ WHEN YOU NORMALLY TALK?

HM?

NO IDEA WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT!☆

SMILE にぱあ

SO YEAH, I ENJOY COSPLAYING BECAUSE IT LETS ME GO FULL CUTE MODE!

THAT'S WHY I LIKE PEOPLE I CAN SHARE THIS WITH.

I CONSIDER THEM MY PRECIOUS FRIENDS! ☆

!

M-MILKY-SAN...

...WANNA EXCHANGE PHONE NUMBERS?!

CLE

NCH

UM!

SMI

LE

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SURE!☆

«NEXT

LEVEL 48.5

SHE'S REALLY ASSERTIVE

ERK...
SHE'S REALLY ASSER-TIVE!
ペテ-ン PE-TEN
ペテ-ン PE-TEN
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED HELP WITH ANYTHING!
OH YEAH, SOMETHING HAPPENED WHEN I LOGGED IN TODA—
ペテ-ン PE-TEN

«NEXT

TODAY'S LUCKY ZODIAC SIGN IS...

TIME FOR THE DAILY HORO-SCOPE!

REALLY?

OH.

I'M A GEMINI.

GEMINI!

YOUR FRIENDS MIGHT DO ALL SORTS OF THINGS FOR YOU TODAY! YOUR LUCKY ITEM IS AN ORANGE RIBBON!

LEVEL 49 IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

OH, NAH, MY DAD WILL BE OUT ON A WORK TRIP, SO...

ARE YOU SPENDING THE DAY AT HOME?

MUNCH もく

MUNCH もく

...

OH, I SEE!

YEAH, IT'S NEXT SUNDAY.

IF YOU'RE A GEMINI, THAT MEANS YOUR BIRTHDAY IS COMING UP SOON, RIGHT, KAORI-SAN?

カチャ CLINK

カチャ CLINK

HUH?

HE NEVER TOLD ME ABOUT THIS!

HOLD ON. BIRTH-DAY...?

ぽろっ FALL

DO GIRLS GIVE BIRTHDAY PRESENTS TO GUYS?

UH, IT'S TOTALLY NORMAL, RIGHT?!

I HAVE NO IDEA!

YOU SHOULD TELL ME THESE THINGS IN ADVANCE!

DANGIT...

そわ FIDGET

FIDGET そわ

NEXT WEEK?! ALL OF A SUDDEN?!

WHAT SHOULD I DO ABOUT A GIFT?

WAIT, HOLD ON...

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AAAGGG-HHH!

NANAMI?

CAN'T GO WRONG WITH GOOGLE!

YEP, IT'S NORMAL!

ccccc

WH-WHAT DO YOU WANT?!

TELL ME BEFOREHAND IF YOU'RE COMING BACK HERE!

HIDE

HID THE SCREEN IN A HURRY

SOME-THING THAT SHE DOESN'T WANT TO BE SEEN

???

OH, UH... MY BAD.

...

WHAT?! NO!!!

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK!

I THINK YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO LOOK AT THOSE KINDS OF THINGS ...

Y'KNOW?!

I NEED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH SOMEONE WHO SHARES HIS INTERESTS, AND WHO PROBABLY KNOWS ABOUT STUFF LIKE BIRTHDAY PRESENTS.

.....

BUZZ

OR RATHER, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE'D ACTUALLY LIKE FOR HIS BIRTHDAY ...

UGH.

I CAN'T TAKE MY TIME PICKING OUT HIS GIFT WHEN HE'S AROUND...

SINCE WHEN WERE YOU MY MOM?!

Milky ☆ Way

I forgot to send the photo we took together the other day, so here it is!

NEXT

IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

HELLO!☆

OH, THERE YOU ARE!

NANAMI-SAN!

LEVEL 50

YOU LIKE HIM, DON'T YOU?

I MEAN, IT'S NOT THE SAME WIG AS LAST TIME, BUT STILL...

THAT'S HOW SHE KNOWS?!

PREVIOUS COSPLAY.

MILKY-SAN!

OH, UM, ERR...

SNIFF

THIS LIPSTICK TUBE IS QUITE LONG...

EXTEND

OOH, I LIKE THIS COLOR~!

SOME-THING LIKE A CUTE LIPSTICK WOULD BE A SAFE CHOICE, I THINK!☆

A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR KAORI-CHAN, HUH?

UM, BUT KAORU IS TECHNI-CALLY A GUY, SO...

I'M NOT SURE IF THAT'S A GOOD IDEA...

OH.

RIGHT, I FORGOT ABOUT THAT.

HE LOOKED SO NATURAL SPEAK- AS A ING OF GIRL, I WHICH JUST... ...

ARE YOU SURE HE'S A GUY?

DO YOU HAVE PROOF?

PLEASE DON'T TURN THIS INTO SCHRÖDING-ER'S KAORU.

I'LL FEEL UNSURE IF I GIVE IT ANY MORE THOUGHT...

DO YOU REALLY NEED MY HELP?

YOU KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM THAN I DO WHEN IT COMES TO THAT, RIGHT, NANAMI-SAN?

I THINK GIVING HIM A GAME IN A GENRE HE LIKES WOULD WORK TOO.

HMM.

THINGS LIKE WATCHES OR KEY CASES WOULD BE GOOD GIFTS FOR A GUY.

I'M SCARED OF PICKING SOMETHING WEIRD.

WHAT IF HE DOESN'T LIKE IT...?

UM...

I'VE NEVER GIVEN A GIFT TO A FRIEND BEFORE, SO...

CALM DOWN.

TH-THAT'S NOT...!

WHAT?! HUH?!

YOU LIKE HIM, DON'T YOU?

WHA-

...OR YOU "LIKE" BEING AROUND THEM, EVEN IF THAT FEELING IS ONE-SIDED.

IT COULD BE THAT YOU JUST "LIKE" TO HAVE FUN WITH SOME-ONE...

OR THE TYPE OF "LIKE" YOU FEEL FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

IT COULD BE THE SWEET AND SPECIAL "LIKE."

THERE ARE MANY TYPES OF "LIKE."

AS LONG AS YOU CHOOSE YOUR GIFT WITH CARE, I'M SURE HE'LL BE HAPPY WITH IT!☆

WHAT MATTERS MOST WITH A GIFT IS YOUR SINCERE FEELINGS.

IT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER WHAT KIND OF "LIKE" YOU FEEL, NANAMI-SAN.

I'LL HELP YOU OUT!

MM-HM!

ALL RIGHT ...

I'LL DECIDE FOR MYSELF WHAT TO GET.

«NEXT

WHEN SHOULD I GIVE THIS TO HIM?

UH...

?

WELL, I MANAGED TO CHOOSE A BIRTHDAY PRESENT FOR KAORU.

IT'S ALL WRAPPED UP AND READY TO GO, BUT...

LEVEL 51 I DID MY BEST

SOMEONE WHO'S NOT USED TO GIVING GIFTS.

WAIT, HIS BIRTHDAY IS ON SUNDAY, RIGHT?!

AS IN TODAY?!

DO I NEED TO INVITE KAORU OVER FOR IT?!

YO!

OH, SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT, NANAMI.

ひょこっ APPEAR

UGH, WHAT SHOULD I DO?! SHOULD I SEND HIM A TEX-

わ PANIC た

わ PANIC た

OH, KAORI-SAN.

THAT'S WHAT YOUR MOM TOLD ME, SO-

DIDN'T YOU INVITE ME OVER?

HUH?

WHA...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

I'M THE ONE WHO INVITED YOU OVER!

WELCOME!

GIGGLE

SORRY, THAT WAS A LIE!

?!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER.

WHOA...

HappyBirthDay

OH YEAH, WHAT'S THE REASON FOR THIS SUDDEN-

WELL, YOU MENTIONED THAT YOU WOULD BE ALONE, KAORI-SAN.

IT'S MORE FUN TO CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH OTHERS, SO THAT'S WHY I ASKED YOU OVER.

I'M GLAD TO HEAR THAT!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I SET UP A SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY, SO I DID MY BEST!

THIS CAKE IS SO TASTY!

!

BE-SIDES...

IT LOOKS LIKE NANAMI HAS SOMETHING TO GIVE TO YOU!

TO BE CONTINUED

U-UM...

HERE YOU GO.

MM...

CAN I OPEN IT?

GAMING EARBUDS WOULD SOLVE THAT ISSUE, PLUS YOU CAN EVEN USE THEM WHEN PLAYING IN BED, SO-

YEAH.

TALKING VERY FAST.

WELL...

YOU NORMALLY USE THOSE LARGE HEADPHONES, RIGHT? THEY'RE FINE FOR PCS, BUT THEY'RE NOT CONVENIENT TO USE WHILE GAMING ON THE GO ON STUFF LIKE TABLETS, RIGHT?

GAMING EARBUDS.

Detailed Sound

Noise Canceler

No Stress

WHOA!

AREN'T THESE...?

MM!

I REALLY APPRECIATE IT!

THANKS SO MUCH, NANAMI!

GIGGLE

WELL...

YEAH, I SUPPOSE...

OH...

UH...

I CAN USE THESE TO VOICE CHAT WITH YOU WHILE I GAME IN BED TOO!

NEXT

LEVEL 51.5

SHE'S A REALLY NICE PERSON

MIRUKU?

YOUR PHONE'S BUZZING NONSTOP!

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHAT WHEN NOT COSPLAYING, THOUGH ...

MAYBE I SHOULD HAVE MET UP WITH HER WITHOUT COSPLAYING...

BL

HMM...

OW

CLICK

SHE DIDN'T HAVE TO TEXT ME TO SAY THANKS.

Nanami-chan

I managed to give it to him!

Thank you for helping me pick out a gift!

...

MM, SHE'S A REALLY NICE PERSON.

NANAMI-CHAN...

MIRUKU AMAKAWA

HANDLE: MILKY ★ WAY

HOBBY: COSPLAYING

«NEXT

Sometimes
Even Reality
Is a Lie!
PRESENTED BY NIICHI

LEVEL 52 OBTAINED AN HONEST HEART!

I DIDN'T EITHER, SO DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

YEAH, YEAH, IT'S MY FAULT FOR NOT PAYING ATTENTION TO THE WEATHER FORECAST.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S STARTED RAINING.

FWSSSHHP

YEAH.

...

DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'LL LET UP ANYTIME SOON, THOUGH.

SPLASH

DON'T LEAVE ME HERE!

WHERE ARE YOU GOING, KAORU?!

SPLASH

HUH?

ALL RIGHT.

WAIT HERE FOR A SEC, NANAMI.

WELL...

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT...

HEART × HUNTER DOG

TAP START

I SHOULDN'T PANIC AND JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS AT TIMES LIKE THIS.

UGH, I NEED TO GET A GRIP.

RING

KAORU'S ALWAYS CALM AND TAKES THE INITIATIVE, SO...

Obtained an Honest Heart!

SORRY FOR THE WAIT, NANAMI.

IS THIS GAME MAKING FUN OF ME...?

HE PROBABLY JUST WENT TO BUY US UMBRELLAS.

PICO STOP

A CONVE-NIENCE STORE IS RIGHT THERE, AFTER ALL.

COME ON.

LET'S GO.

I'LL HOLD YOUR STUFF FOR YOU.

HUH?

OH...

KAORU...

WHERE'S MY UMBRELLA?

HUH?

UM...

*MONEY FOR THE UMBRELLA

...

SORRY, I PANICKED, AND... I FORGOT TO BUY YOU ONE...

S-SO-

...HEH HEH.

IT'S FINE.

I DON'T MIND DAYS LIKE THIS FROM TIME TO TIME.

THANKS!

HERE, DRY OFF WITH THIS.

HUH? DID YOU JUST LAUGH AT ME?

I'M SORRY, OKAY?

I WAS JUST SURPRISED THAT EVEN YOU PANIC SOMETIMES.

すっ STEP

I'LL GO BUY YOU AN UMBRELLA REAL QUICK, SO WAIT A BIT!

I MEAN, OF COU-NANAMI?!

«NEXT

LEVEL 53 IS THIS THE END OF OUR RELATIONSHIP?!

JUST FINISHED CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR THE DAY.

HE SOUNDS HAPPY TO SEE THE RAIN...

LOOKS LIKE IT'S RAINING!

WHOA!

FWSSSHH

TAP TAP

FIGURES.

NOPE, I SURE DIDN'T!

JUST TO MAKE SURE... DID YOU BRING AN UMBRELLA?

HERE, TAKE-

I HAPPEN TO HAVE A SPARE TODAY.

YOU SEE...

WELL, I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU.

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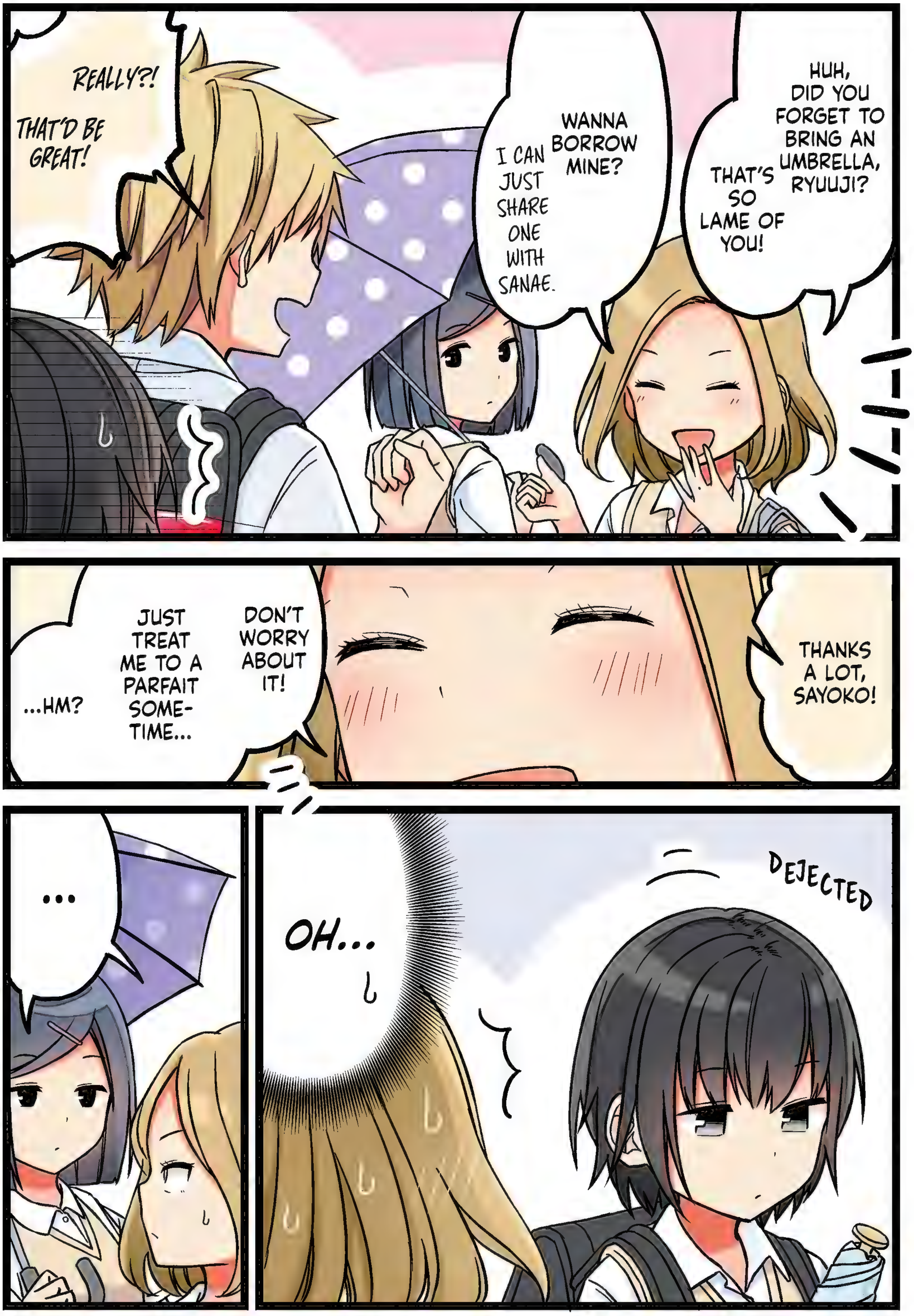
REALLY?!
THAT'D BE GREAT!
I CAN JUST SHARE ONE WITH SANAE.
WANNA BORROW MINE?
THAT'S SO LAME OF YOU!
HUH, DID YOU FORGET TO BRING AN UMBRELLA, RYUUJI?
...HM?
JUST TREAT ME TO A PARFAIT SOME-TIME...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
THANKS A LOT, SAYOKO!
...
OH...
DEJECTED

SAYOKO-SAN?!

IS THIS THE END OF OUR RELATION-SHIP?!

SOB

SOB

OH, I SUDDENLY FEEL LIKE USING SEPARATE UMBRELLAS INSTEAD!

THE CHANCES OF THAT ARE-

THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FIND SOMEONE LIKE THAT SO EASILY!

GO FIND SOMEONE WHO HAPPENS TO HAVE TWO UM-BRELLAS ON THEM!

HUH?!

SO, LIKE, I DON'T HAVE ONE TO LEND YOU ANYMORE, SORRY!

...HUH?

I DON'T WAN–

WANNA GO FOR A PAR-FAIT? MY TREAT!

OH, I GET IT!

IT'S NOTHING...

HM? WHAT'S WRONG, SENPAI?

KIYOMIZU-SAN USUALLY LETS ME BORROW A SPARE AT WORK WHEN I NEED ONE, SO YEAH.

OH, NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, THIS IS ACTUALLY THE FIRST TIME I'VE BOR-ROWED AN UMBRELLA FROM YOU, SENPAI!

...OKAY.

THEN LET'S GO TOGETHER ANOTHER TIME!

...

MM.

ENOUGH JOKING AROUND, SAYOKO. GET UNDER MY UMBRELLA.

LET'S GET GOING.

LOOK AT THAT, SANAE! A BOND WAS FORGED AT THE COST OF OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER!

しまい HOP

HOP しまい

«NEXT

WISH PAPERS WILL BE AVAILABLE HERE FOR ADVENTURERS DURING THE EVENT.

Nanami

OH...

FWSSSHH

HA HA.

FINDING OUT FROM AN IN-GAME EVENT IS SO LIKE YOU, NANAMI...

RIGHT, I FORGOT THAT IT'S TANABATA TOMORROW.

CWTCH

IT'S NOT LIKE TANABATA IN REAL LIFE IS ANY FUN OR ANYTHING, SO...

OH, COME ON.

EXTRA LIFE LEVEL 54 THE DAY WHEN WISHES COME TRUE

A SHRINE?

I'M GONNA HANG IT AT THE SHRINE BY THE NEXT STATION. WANNA COME WITH ME?

MAKING A WISH PAPER.

HM? WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

IT'S A POPULAR SHRINE THAT'S RUMORED TO GRANT THE WISHES ON THE PAPER STRIPS PEOPLE HANG THERE DURING TANABATA.

THEY HAVE FORTUNE SLIPS TOO.

YEAH, THEY HOLD AN EVENT THERE EVERY YEAR.

WELL, NOT MOST OF THE TIME, NO.

OH.

SO, DID YOUR WISHES EVER COME TRUE?

I USED TO GO THERE EVERY YEAR WITH MY MOM TO HANG THESE.

CRUNCH!

I WROTE THAT I WANTED A FRIEND WHO SHARED MY HOBBIES WITH ME, SO YEAH.

I SEE...

THE WISH I MADE LAST YEAR CAME TRUE, THOUGH.

OPEN

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?

...

HUH?

UH...

HOLD ON...

BLA~H

むにゅ SQUEEZE

THIS AGAIN WITH THE CHEESY LINES? HOW CAN HE SAY THESE THINGS WITH A STRAIGHT FACE?!

HM?

YEAH.

D-DO...

DO YOU MEAN YOUR WISH CAME TRUE BECAUSE YOU MET ME?

IS THAT IT?

H-HOW-EVER!

CAN I ASK SOMETHING BEFORE WE MAKE ANY PLANS?

W-WELL...

I DON'T MIND TAGGING ALONG IF YOU REALLY WANNA GO TO THE SHRINE, SO...

OH, REALLY?

YAY!

HI—

FWSSSHH

RAINY SEASON.

梅雨

YEAH, THIS RAIN IS A PROBLEM...

HMM...

ARE YOU SURE THE TANABATA EVENT WON'T GET CAN-CELED?

IT'S POURING RIGHT NOW.

WELL...

I GUESS YOU'RE KINDA RIGHT.

IT RAINED FOR THE FLOWER-VIEWING EVENT TOO.

IT SEEMS LIKE WHENEVER WE PLAN TO GO OUT TOGETH-ER, THE RAIN SHOWS UP TO RUIN IT.

SPLISH

SPLASH

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IT'S DRAGGED OUT THIS LONG.

IT USUALLY CLEARS UP BY TANABATA EVERY YEAR, BUT...

WHOA!

YOU KNOW, NANAMI ...

MAYBE ONE OF US IS A RAIN BRINGER.

HEH HEH.

OF COURSE THE RAIN STOPPED.

JUST LIKE YOU SAID IT WOULD, MOM!

AMAZING!

THE RAIN ACTUALLY STOPPED!

YUP! IT NEVER RAINS WHEN I GO OUTSIDE.

THAT'S AMAZ-ING!

IT IS?

IT'S ALWAYS SUNNY WHEN I'M AROUND, AFTER ALL.

GOOD BOY!

YEAH!

DID YOU REMEM-BER TO BRING YOUR WISH PAPER WITH YOU?

THIS IS JUST PRECIOUS.

GIGGLE

LET'S HANG UP YOUR WISH, THEN.

OH, WELL.

I WISH THAT MOM AND ME WILL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER FOREVER.
KAORU

...

HELLO?

FLICK

...

H-HUH?

WHAT?

O-OH, WELL...

YOU SEEMED A BIT OUT OF IT, SO...

MY BAD.

DOES SHE THINK THAT A FOREHEAD FLICK CAN CHEER PEOPLE UP?

M-MORE IMPORTANTLY, LET'S GET GOING.

WE NEED TO GO BUY SOME THINGS.

I'M SORRY, OKAY?

I DON'T GET WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT AT ALL...

THAT MEANS THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO.

WELL, THE RAIN ISN'T STOPPING ANYTIME SOON.

HUH? BUY WHAT?

TANIHARA CRAFT STORE

¥75

YOU'LL KNOW WHEN YOU SEE IT.

I SEE YOU'VE FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHAT WE'RE DOING.

THAT'S RIGHT...

OH, IS THIS WHAT I THINK IT IS...?

COTTON, STRING, AND RUBBER BANDS?

COTTON

WHAT'S THIS SUPPOSED TO BE...?

ポ！

SHOCK！

WE'RE MAKING *THESE* TO STOP THE RAIN!

HOW'S IT GOIN'?

DANGLE

UM...

WELL...

WHAT DID YOU THINK IT WAS?

HUH? IT'S EXACTLY WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE.

YOU KNOW WHAT TERU TERU BOZU DOLLS ARE, RIGHT?

O-OKAY, ENOUGH OF THIS!

HELP ME OUT, THEN! YOU MAKE SOME TOO!

OH.

SURE.

I FEEL LIKE YOU'RE ACTUALLY MAKING FUN OF ME SOME-HOW...

I THINK IT HAS A VERY UNIQUE SHAPE!

RIGHT?

THERE.

OKAY, I'M DONE!

キュッ
SQUEAK

HERE YOU GO.

WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY WANT TO MAKE THESE, THOUGH?

...

I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THE TYPE TO BELIEVE IN OLD WIVES' TALES LIKE THIS.

OH.

I GUESS THAT MAKES SENSE, BUT...

'CUZ IT'S RAINING RIGHT NOW, THAT'S WHY.

HOW'RE YOU S'POSED TO MAKE A PUFFY HEAD LIKE THIS?

WELL, YEAH.

SUPER-STITIONS LIKE RAIN BRINGERS AND WRITING WISHES ON PAPER STRIPS ...

I DON'T BELIEVE IN ANY OF THAT STUFF.

BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH ANY OF IT EITHER.

IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THESE SUPERSTI-TIONS ARE TRUE OR NOT.

YOUR FEELINGS— YOUR DESIRE TO MAKE SOMETHING COME TRUE—ARE WHAT MATTER.

AND THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL IS THE TIME YOU SHARE WITH SOME-ONE WHILE MAKING YOUR WISHES.

IT MIGHT ONLY BE FOR A FLEETING MOMENT...

BUT IT'S A PRECIOUS TIME THAT YOU SHOULD TREASURE.

THANKS, NANAMI.

SORRY IF THAT SOUNDED CHEESY...

WELL... THAT'S WHAT I THINK, AT LEAST...

WHEW!

YEAH, YEAH, I'M CLUMSY! WHAT ABOUT IT?!

BY THE WAY... THE THING YOU'RE MAKING LOOKS MORE LIKE A FRIED SHRIMP THAN A TERU TERU BOZU...

WHOOSH

FWSSSHH

IN A WAY, I THINK YOU'RE ACTUALLY SKILLED AT THIS...

JUST TEACH ME HOW TO MAKE THESE PROPERLY!

IT'S ALREADY LATE, SO WOULD YOU LIKE TO STAY THE NI-

HM?

KAORI-SAN!

カチャ KA-CHAK

KNOCK

KNOCK

SNORE くか〜…

zzz すー…

zzz すー…

YEP.

THESE LOOK GOOD.

きゅっ TUG

0 0

NANAMI WAS ALWAYS THE TYPE'A KID WHO'D FALL ASLEEP AFTER GETTIN' WORN OUT PLAYIN', BUT...

THIS BRINGS ME BACK.

MM.

THANKS, DARLING.

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HER CONK OUT AFTER MAKIN' TERU TERU BOZU DOLLS.

AFTER ALL...

I HOPE IT CLEARS UP TOMOR-ROW...

HEH HEH.

IT'LL BE FINE.

I'M SURE OF IT.

THE DAY WHEN WISHES COME TRUE.

TOMORROW IS TANABATA.

I WISH TO BE TOGETHER WITH MY FRIEND FOREVER.

TERASAKI KAORU

I WISH TO SPEND ALL MY DAYS HAVING FUN WITH MY FRIEND.

NANAMI

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IT'D BE KINDA EMBARRASSING TO WEAR THEM OUTSIDE...

FRILLY

OFF-THE-SHOULDER

RIBBONS

UM, NANAMI...

I'M HAPPY THAT YOU PICKED THESE OUT FOR ME, BUT...

WAIT A MINUTE!

SAD しゅん...

O-OH, OKAY...

IF THAT'S THE CASE...

OH, IT'S THE CLERK.

YOU'RE DRESSING LIKE A GIRL SO THAT YOU DON'T GET BUSTED, RIGHT, KAORU-KUN?

I CAN SEE HER TRUE FEELINGS BEHIND HER MADE-UP REASONS!

I'M PRETTY SURE SHE JUST WANTS TO SEE ME CROSS-DRESS IN NEW OUTFITS!

IT WOULD HELP EVEN MORE WITH CONCEALING YOUR TRUE IDENTITY!

WOULDN'T IT BE BETTER TO WEAR THE CUTEST CLOTHES YOU CAN?!

[NORMAL]

ERR...
UM...
YEAH, THIS LOOKS SUPER CUTE!
FORCED TO TRY IT ON.
WHY DID I HAVE TO TRY IT ON AS WELL?
WH-WH...
BE-SIDES...
BLUSH
!
YOU'RE SO CUTE, NANAMI-CHAN, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A WASTE NOT TO DRESS YOU UP TOO!
...
U-UM WE'RE NOT...
C-COU...?!
MATCHING OUTFITS ARE TOTALLY NORMAL FOR COUPLES!

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